

# Cornish Conservation Commission Meeting

Wednesday, January 28, 2026

7pm at the Town Offices (2nd FL.), 488 Town House Road, Cornish

## MINUTES

**Attending Members:** Robin Kilfeather-Mackey, Treasurer; Linda Leone, Secretary; Jody Schubert, Reyer Jaarsma, Julie Foote

**Attending Alternate Members:** Bob Taylor, Rickey Poor, David Haseman

**BOS Representative:** Keith Beardslee

**Absent:** Glenn Griffin, Chair; Cindy Heath, Member

**Guests:** Jeff Littleton, Steven Lamonde from Moosewood Ecological LLC

1. Call To Order / Robin. Robin called the meeting to order at 7pm, introduced guests from Moosewood Ecological: Jeff Littleton and Steven Lamond and turned the meeting over to them
2. [Conservation Plan](#) Update / Robin
  - b. Jeff and Steven reviewed the community forum presentation. These draft slides will be revised and made available to the CCC this weekend (Jan 31).
    - i. **Introduction/Jeff:** Goals and Intentions were drawn from material provided by the CCC and submitted with its original RFP. Slides represented a Plan timeline from start to finish and a review of two previous forums.
    - ii. **Processes and Data/Steven:** Mapping Process & Priorities. Maps are paired with tables and are either directly from our NRI or are built upon them. NOTE: the *Map of Conserved Land* is missing some newer properties. CCC must give Moosewood details (parcel #, owner, address and circle on the Public and Conservation Lands map from the NRI) for: Lipfert, Coles, Schad, Hooper. Steven explained *Four Co-occurrence Models*- Forest, water, agricultural, and ecological resources. Outputs of all 4 maps generate the Conservation Focus Areas.
    - iii. **Conservation Focus Areas & Evaluations.** Evaluation Form and Parcel Evaluation Criteria area to help CCC evaluate a new property for financial conservation support funds .
    - iv. **End of Presentation = Recommendations- Land Use Regulations and Natural Resources Protection (Innovative Land Use Regulations - for help with regulation language)**
    - v. It was decided that there will be no breakouts or input activity, rather, the forum will close with a facilitated Q&A. The facilitator will encourage questions, “seed” a few questions and encourage completion of the “comments” form before the audience departs, or take home and mail or email any additional comments.
  - c. **Preparation for February 11 Forum ([flyer](#)), ([mailing list](#)), ([message](#)), ([RSVP](#)).**
    - i. Set Up 4:30pm: Bob, Jody, Robin, Rickey, Linda. Break down: Julie, Reyer, Linda, Robin, David.
    - ii. Invitations: Linda and Jody had created a master mailing list which will be available for future CCC outreach. It contains contact info on people from various groups and can be sorted to identify only specific contact groups. It was used to email an invitation to a list of about 100 residents, landowners, previous forum attendees, Town Selectmen and chairs of formal commissions/boards, etc.
3. Vote to Approve of the [Draft Minutes CCC Meeting 12/17/25](#) / Robin. The Commission discussed certain amendments to the minutes. Jody motioned that the minutes, as amended, be approved. Julie seconded the motion and Robin asked if there were any questions or discussion. There were none. The members voted unanimously that the minutes be approved.

4. Land Conservation Mock-up [easement review](#) Rickey/Robin. Rickey reviewed the conservation history and highlights of the Barker parcels Back Acres East and West including mapping, conservation deed and deed restrictions. This easement has 2 properties, and CCC monitors both parcels, creating separate reports.

Moving forward, Rickey and Robin suggest members use a standard PowerPoint template to deliver concise, consistent briefings on the history and features of the town's seven easements.

Jody volunteered to present the next property review: White Swan Farm. at the March meeting. Robin will work with Jody to finalize the template.

5. [Treasurer's Report](#) quarterly - **Apr** / July / Oct / Jan) / Robin presented the 2025 annual financial report:

- a. For the year ended December 31, 2024 the CCC's restricted funds totalled \$193,764 down 4.2% since the beginning of the year. During the year, the restricted funds earned \$8,790 or 4.3% of interest income. Receipts for the year into the Conservation Fund included the 2025 \$4,500 Town Appropriation, \$200 of proceeds from the sale of NRI books, and \$575 of unused operational funds. There were no pending payments at year end.

After reviewing fund activity and economic trends (2023–2025), the Commission agreed to discuss **near-term and long-term fund allocation** once the conservation plan priorities / recommendations are finalized.

- b. The members discussed establishing a more standardized approach to how the annual operating funds are spent to minimize the amount going into the Conservation Fund at the end of each year.
  - c. NHACC 2026 Approval to pay CCC membership dues \$250. Reyer motioned to approve the \$250 NHACC invoice and to take this out of the Operating budget. Rickey seconded the motion. There were no questions or discussion and the motion was approved unanimously.
6. Events / Jody / Bob / Linda / All
    - b. CCC 2026 Event Calendar Suggestions for the upcoming year:
      - i. Q1 [Sat 2/21 10am-12pm Tracking Event at Langwood](#) with Martha Mitchell is confirmed. Notices in Connect Cornish & flyers posted. [Attendance list](#) is full and registration is closed at 15 + 2 CCC members. It was agreed that Cindy and Rickey would attend as CCC members and host/facilitate the walk. Jody and Linda are back ups to ensure that two CCC members are present.
      - ii. Q2 Saint Gaudens - CCC combined - talk about forest health and deer over-browse. Jody will pursue this topic with Ranger Steve.
      - iii. Offer a workshop on HowTo Conserve Your Land, Q3 or Q4
      - iv. Q3 Focus on wetlands: Linda followed up on having spoken to Emma Berger, NHES Wetlands Permitting Specialist, who is willing to present for the CCC. The presentation would sit best with an audience of ecological "professionals" (town government and neighboring conservation commissions, farmers, Saint-Gaudens, and interested residents). Linda will try to get some dates from Emma; at the February CCC meeting, the members will create a presentation outline for Emma.
      - v. Q4 Wood Lot Improvement suggested by Rickey. Rickey will pursue this topic.
    - c. Bob's Boxes have been updated for winter

7. [CCC Bylaws](#) vs [RSAs](#) Recommendation Development Julie / Robin - Tabled; this item will be revisited at the February meeting

8. Migration to New Domain for Town Government Entities Status Update / Glenn - Tabled
  - b. [Cornishconservation@cornish.nh.gov](mailto:Cornishconservation@cornish.nh.gov) & [Conservation@cornish.nh.gov](mailto:Conservation@cornish.nh.gov)

9. Land Monitoring of Conservation Properties where Cornish is Primary Easement Holder /Glenn

- b. Status of Year-end Summary Letter sent to BOS. The letter was emailed on 12/31/25.
  - c. Meyette Signage on Rte 120 - Monitoring Observation
    - i. Status of [12/19/25 Letter](#) sent to BOS. Keith reported that the Selectmen have asked Town council to weigh in on this issue.
  - d. New Easement in Cornish!
    - i. [Schad Easement](#) / UVLT 71-acre easement recorded 12/19/25 Cornish was not involved in this transaction. What should our response be as a Commission? The group agreed that the CCC Chair should write a letter congratulating the Schads, appreciating this move to protect wildlife habitat and forest health, and invite them to the February 11 Forum and CCC meetings, to use CCC as a sounding board and a resource.
  - e. [Shape Files](#)/Linda. Linda advised that Shape files in .gpx format for Meyette, Barker and Colby as well as Yatsevitch, Town Forest, Coles are now filed and available for download. Neidecker and Shurcliff are missing. See item 2a: Linda will include details on these parcels in a request to Steven Lamonde to also create shape maps.
  - f. [Transfer of Easement Responsibilities](#) Tabled
10. Town Meeting / Glenn / Jody
- b. We fulfilled our responsibility - Summary for Town Report ([the report](#) has been submitted and receipt confirmed as of 1/15/26);
  - c. Table: Linda's requested from Gwyn a table to share with N2N (Saturday 3/14 only)
  - d. Materials for a Table, NRI; Conservation Plan Update; Conservation banner; \*Conservation Plan material updates; Jody and Julie agreed to host the table.
11. Other Business / All
- b. Candidates for CCC Annual Conservation Award. The group discussed award candidates and decided to wait until next year to make an award, and to re-evaluate the award criteria at the September 26, 2026 meeting. Reyer motioned, Jody seconded, motion was Approved
  - c. [Warrant Article for 2026 Funding](#) submitted in December / Glenn
  - d. BOS Representative Update / Keith
    - i. Glenn's letter of 12/19 relative to signage on the Meyette parcel has been forwarded to Town council for an opinion.
12. Next Meeting Date and Agenda Items:
- b. Feb 25, 2026 - NHDES presentation topics; Discussion of what parts of the Conservation Plan we want to include on the Town Meeting table. Tabled items will be taken up.
  - c. March Jody will present White Swan Farm easement review.
  - d. September 26: discussion of annual award criteria
  - e. Recruitment of additional alternate members.
13. Adjournment - Robin adjourned the meeting at 9:15pm.