

Cornish Conservation Commission Meeting

Wednesday, February 25, 2026

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

Minutes Approved 3/25/26

Members: Glenn Griffin, Chair; Robin Kilfeather-Mackey, Vice Chair & Treasurer; Linda Leone, Secretary; Jody Schubert. Julie Foote, Reyer Jaarsma, Cindy Heath

Alt. Members: Bob Taylor, David Haseman, Rickey Poor

BOS Representative: Keith Beardslee

Others: Larry Duval

1. Call To Order / Glenn. Glenn called the meeting to order at 7:03pm and welcomed Larry Duval.
2. Vote to Approve the [January 28](#) and [February 11](#) (Forum), 2026 Minutes/ Glenn. Robin motioned that the January 28 minutes be approved. Julie seconded the approval. There was no discussion, and the minutes were approved unanimously. Robin motioned and Jody seconded the motion to approve the February 11 Forum minutes. There was no discussion, and the minutes were approved unanimously.
3. [Treasurer's Report](#) quarterly - Apr / July / Oct / Jan) / Robin. Any expenses TBD.
 - a. Expense for Approval: [Martha Mitchell for 2/22 Tracking Event](#). Robin motioned to approve Martha Mitchell's invoice of \$186.98 to be paid from the Palmer Fund, Linda seconded the motion and payment of the invoice was approved unanimously.
4. Events / All CCC 2026 Event Calendar Suggestions for the Upcoming Year
 - a. Q1debrief / Jody [Registration, Debrief & Photos Website and Connect Cornish](#). Glenn linked to CCC's webpage and the group discussed the event and the possibility of inviting Martha to return for future events.
 - b. Q2 Saint Gaudens - CCC combined / Jody - presentation or a panel discussion about forest health and deer over-browsing Jody said she will have something for the CCC to review at our next meeting. Jody asked Reyer to follow up with her about putting together a panel discussion on forest management.
 - c. How-To Workshop on Land Conservation Q3 or 4
 - d. Q3 Focus on wetlands: Emma Berger, NHDES Wetlands Permitting Specialist / Linda. Linda asked that the Commission read Emma's presentation and comment on the appropriateness of this kind of subject matter: whether the public should be invited or whether this would be more suitable for Conservation-invested people only. [Emma's NHACC Annual Mtg Presentation](#). This will be revisited at the March meeting.
5. Land Monitoring of Conservation Properties where Cornish is Primary Easement Holder /Glenn
 - a. Rte 120 Monitoring Observation Follow Up question on signage. Keith said the BOS has not heard back from the attorneys.
 - b. [Schad Easement](#) / Follow up on letter from the CCC Chair. Glenn has a letter ready to send the Schads congratulating them on their land conservation and offering support from the Conservation Commission.
 - c. [Shape Files](#) / Linda Follow Up: all have been received and stored. When we begin to schedule walks for 2026, we plan to meet and download the shape files together, prior to each walk.
6. Town Meeting 3/14/26 / Glenn

- a. Table: Gwyn confirmed CCC's table (we have one table to ourselves)
 - b. Materials for a Table, NRI; Conservation Plan Updates; CCC banner, calendar of 2026 even. Julie/Jody will host the table.
7. Community Forum Debrief and Next Steps / Robin
- a. Forum Debrief - [ME Forum Presentation 2-11-26](#), [Update #6](#), [CCC Web Update](#). Robin noted that attendance has increased each time. The CCC were pleased that representatives from the Select, Planning and Zoning Boards attended. Gillian Goodwin (Planning Board and owner of Neidecker conserved area) was very positive about the forum and would share the document as a resource for the Planning Board in its update process of the Master Plan.
 - b. Review of the draft PLAN: [Draft Plan with Robin's Edits](#); [Julie's Edits](#). Glenn referred to Robin's highlighted Plan document and the related .docx describing her edits (that included also Jody's and Linda's edits). Robin wants to get everyone's comments to Moosewood in time for their update before the March 25 CCC meeting. The final draft would also be shared with the Planning Board, Zoning Board and BOS (we should provide a hardcopy for each group) for their information. The document will be published when the final draft has been reconfirmed after the March 25 CCC meeting.

Rickey noted that Figure 15 had not been updated from a list of changes she and Linda had provided ME. Linda believes the corrections may have been made since the current draft was distributed and will resend this information to Robin to be reconfirmed with ME.

Robin reviewed her .docx table with suggested edits noted and comments on page 4-5 of the draft Plan where she proposes adjustments to focus on the community-identified themes instead of on CCC's original goals set at the beginning of the development process. The CCC also suggests:

- Threads are created between recommendations embedded in the narrative to the recommendations at the end of the document.
- The recommendation to form subcommittees including the CCC not be used, and a public working groups be created as needed and there is community interest to address a specific recommendation,
- An additional recommendation could be added to inventory Cornish 'tree farmers' and those individuals who may have forest / stewardship plans.

Other formatting issues were cited: more grounding road names on maps, acronyms used consistently, two areas at the end of Paget Road should be shown as Class V instead of Class VI, etc. Glenn asked that there be some information and recommendations about stream crossing culverts.

Robin requested that CCC members write up and return **All comments to her by end of day 2/27/26.**

8. Other Business / All
- a. Migration to New Domain for Town Government Entities Status Update / Glenn. Still in Process.
 - b. BOS Representative Update / Keith. BOS focus has been primarily on Town roads.
 - c. CCC Alternate Member Recruitment. Jody will create an ad for Connect Cornish.
9. Next Meeting Date and Agenda Items:
- a. Wednesday, March 25, 2026 at Town Offices - public invited for presentation of the draft Conservation Plan. Moosewood will attend. Robin cannot attend in person; we will make this a zoom meeting; Moosewood will set up the zoom meeting.
 - i. Q3 Focus on wetlands: Emma Berger, NHDES Wetlands Permitting Specialist / Linda. Follow Up [Emma's NHACC Annual Mtg Presentation](#)
 - ii. Election of Members and Officers

1. Officers: Robin said she will remain Treasurer but not Vice Chair; Glenn agreed to continue as Chair for another year and asked if anyone else would like to become Vice Chair. Linda may want to rework the Secretary position. Glenn, Robin and Linda will meet to discuss their roles prior to the 3/25 meeting.
 2. Members: Julie Foote, Cindy and Reyer voiced their intent to stay another three years. Alternate Member Bob Taylor said he does not intend to stay on the Commission for another term. Members thanked him for his lengthy service, his final meeting will be March 25.
- b. Wednesday, April 22, 2026
- i. [CCC Bylaws](#) vs [RSAs](#) Recommendation Development Julie / Robin -Follow Up
 - ii. [Transfer of Easement Responsibilities](#) / Robin - Tabled until after Conservation Plan is complete
 - iii. What are the next steps after publication of The Conservation Plan?

10. Adjournment /Glenn. The meeting was adjourned by Glenn at 8:30pm.