

Cornish Conservation Commission

Meeting Minutes

Date: April 23, 2026 **Time:** 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM **Location:** Cornish Town Offices

I. Call to Order & Attendance

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

- **Members Present:** Glenn Griffin (Chair), Reyer Jaarmsa, Robin Kilfeather-Mackey, Jody Schubert, Julie Foote.
- **Members Absent:** Cindy Heath, Rickey Poor, David Haseman.
- **BOS Representative:** Keith Beardslee (Absent).
- **Guests/Public:** None.

II. Moosewood Conservation Plan Review

The Commission held a preliminary discussion regarding the final Conservation Plan provided by Moosewood Ecological.

- **Discussion:** Members highlighted the utility of **Appendix G**, which includes a Table of Succinct Recommendations and a diagram mapping permanence and extent of impact. This tool is expected to allow the Commission to objectively evaluate the 37 total recommendations. The Chair expressed appreciation to the project manager and Moosewood Ecological for the quality of the final document.
- **Next Steps:** The draft plan will be shared with the Board of Selectmen (BOS) and the Planning Board for a two-week feedback period. Final approval is slated for the May meeting, where commissioners will each present five prioritized recommendations to begin implementation.

III. 2026 Easement Monitoring Plans

The Commission reviewed the 2026 monitoring calendar and the draft Standard Operating Procedure (SOP).

- **Monitoring Schedule:** The Chair requested all reports be completed and submitted by October 31, 2026, to facilitate external submissions in November. Members present volunteered for five of the seven easements; the remaining two will be assigned in May.
- **SOP Development:** Discussion focused on refining the draft monitoring SOP to be Cornish-specific, including seeking input from the Upper Valley Land Trust (UVLT) and the former CCC Secretary. Additional guidance will be added regarding the use of the Gaia GPS app and route selection.

IV. Easement Presentation

Jody presented the [2025 Property Snapshot](#) Report for the Colby/White Swan Farm easement, noting that the 92-acre property remains in full compliance with its conservation terms. The report highlighted that there have been no changes to the property since the last review, though the Commission continues to monitor natural succession and wildlife activity, including beaver presence in the wetlands.

V. Outreach Updates & Administration

- **Public Engagement:** Jody provided updates on recent and upcoming events, including the Black Bear event on April 8 and the upcoming Earth Day tabling on

April 25. Future events include a mid-May CREA Bird Walk and a Forest Health presentation on June 2, 2026.

Motion: Moved by Robin, seconded by Reyer, to approve a **\$150 donation** to the State of NH Fish & Game in appreciation of Wildlife Steward Bob Ball's presentation to be paid from the Palmer Fund. **Approved (5-0-0).**

- **Finance:** The Q1 Treasurer's Report (ending March 31, 2026) showed restricted funds totaling **\$195,438**, a 1% increase from the start of the year. The funds earned **\$1,760** in interest. One payment was made for the winter snowshoe walk leader. The final Moosewood invoice was tabled until May pending receipt of map PDFs.
- **Administrative Matters:**
 - **Motion:** Moved by Robin, seconded by Jody, to have the Chair request a third commission email address from the BOS for the Commission to support a more equitable distribution of responsibilities, including an agreement to pay the **\$250 annual fee** from operating funds if necessary.
 - **May Meeting Change:** Due to travel schedules of the officers, the May meeting will be held via **Zoom only**. A formal notice of this change to the annual calendar will be posted.
- **Minutes:** March 25, 2026, minutes were reviewed.
 - **Motion to approve:** Moved by Robin, seconded by Julie. **Approved (5-0-0).**

V. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Minutes Submitted By: Robin Kilfeather-Mackey, Secretary