

Cornish Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes

Date: May 27, 2026

Time: 7:00 PM – 8:38 PM

Location: Cornish Town Office

I. Call to Order & Attendance

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

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

II. Conservation Plan Review

The Commission reviewed the 2026 Cornish Open Space Plan and discussed its activation strategy.

- **Discussion:** No feedback on the plan was received from the Board of Selectmen (BOS) or the Planning Board. The Commission decided to table the discussion regarding the next steps until members have an opportunity to thoroughly review the final plan and the activation strategy proposal deck. Robin noted that the migration of all project materials has been completed and shared the relevant link.
- **Motion:** Moved by Robin, seconded by Julie, to approve the 2026 Cornish Open Space Plan. Approved (6-0-0).
- **Next Steps:** The Secretary will obtain 10 printed and bound copies of the plan to distribute to the Commissioners before the June meeting.

III. CCC Bylaws vs RSA Recommendation Discussion

The Commission held a discussion regarding whether to maintain formal bylaws or to adopt a current set of procedures supported by relevant RSAs.

- **Discussion:** Commissioners discussed dissolving the existing CCC Bylaws and replacing them with a written set of core procedures that are fully RSA compliant.
- **Next Steps:** Robin and Julie volunteered to draft a set of procedures and will present them at the August meeting for further consideration.

IV. Outreach Updates & Administration

- **Public Engagement:** Jody provided brief recaps of the recent Earth Day and Bird Walk events, highlighting that 6 residents joined the bird walk and 23 bird species were identified. Upcoming events include the Forest Health event scheduled for June 2, 2026, and a follow-on Forest Health event to be planned for sometime in July.
- **Finance:** The Commission reviewed the final Moosewood Ecological invoice, confirming that the map PDFs have been received.
 - **Motion:** Moved by Robin, seconded by Jody, to approve payment of the final Moosewood invoice. Approved (6-0-0).
- **Administrative Matters:**
 - Glenn reported that the BOS rejected the Commission's request for a third '.gov' email address for the Public Events Coordinator. Consequently, the Public Events Coordinator has agreed to establish a new private Gmail account (ccc.events@gmail.com) for all event-related communications.
 - Rickey confirmed she has volunteered to handle the 2026 property monitoring for Back Acres East and West. All properties for 2026 have now been assigned.
 - The Commission discussed a consultation request from Jacob Simino, Vice President of the Cornish Fair Association (CFA). As the CFA renews its lease, they are requesting to expand the square footage used for parking during the annual fair into the CREA baseball diamond and soccer field. The Commission found no issues

with the parking expansion plan but wants to ensure clear language is included in the lease requiring the property to be returned to its current or better condition at the conclusion of the fair each year.

- **Motion:** Moved by Robin, seconded by Reyer, to approve the Cornish Fair Association parking expansion request with the specified lease condition. Approved (6-0-0).
- The Commission inquired about CREA succession plans and the Town's plans to recruit more members to the CREA board.
- **NH DES Permits & Correspondence:** The Commission received a Standard Dredge and Fill permit application on May 19th for Acme Farms located in the Flats. The application involves installing two stream crossings/culverts and includes professionally prepared engineering plans and maps by Headwaters Consulting.
 - **Next Steps:** Commission feedback is due back by June 19, 2026. Glenn will follow up regarding the next steps.
- **Minutes:** The minutes from the April 22, 2026 meeting were reviewed.
 - **Motion:** Moved by Glenn, seconded by Reyer, to approve the April 22, 2026 minutes. Approved (6-0-0).

V. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 PM.

Minutes Submitted By: Robin Kilfeather-Mackey, Secretary