

CAMPTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes
December 12, 2012; 7 pm

Members present: Jules Doner, Jessica Halm, Alisoun Hodges, Jane Kellogg, Lea Stewart

- 1) **November minutes:** Alisoun moved to accept, Jane seconded, all were in favor.

- 2) **Letter to Select Board re: Nature Nights**
We reviewed a letter that Jess had revised to the Select Board reporting on the summer Nature Nights programming offered at Blair Woodland Natural Area this past summer. Jane suggested adding a list of enclosures at the bottom of the letter. Jess will contact Tammy to locate a copy of a letter from the Local Government Center, and it will be submitted to the Select Board.

- 3) **Budget**
Since our last meeting, \$51 was spent at True Colors to laminate the Wildlife Action Plan maps. In addition, Jules plans to visit the State Surplus warehouse in Concord to shop for new furniture/equipment to use in the new Town Office Space, such as a bookshelf, easel, and file cabinet. Jess made a motion to authorize Jules to spend up to \$400 on the purchase of such supplies, Alisoun seconded, and all were in favor. It is anticipated that these items may be inexpensive, and we will have a budget surplus to turn back to the town at the end of the fiscal year. The 2013 budget will be submitted with no change from the 2012 budget, with the understanding that the additional cost for mowing the field at Pattee Conservation Park will come from the Conservation Fund.

- 4) **Complaint about dumping of logs and stumps into river**
A person came into the Town Office to complain about alleged dumping of stumps and/or logs and other natural materials into the Mad River behind the former Great American Ski Rental Company building along Rte. 49. May Brosseau was in touch with Jane about this via email, and Jane responded with information regarding submitting a formal complaint to DES and wetland regulations. In general, dumping of material, even natural material, in a jurisdictional wetland boundary requires a permit. Ann Marie Foote was leaving her office for the evening, and Jane inquired as to where this stood in terms of follow-up, and Ann Marie reported that Charlie Brosseau, the enforcement officer, had been to the site and planned to talk with the person who did the alleged dumping, but he did not notice a significant amount of material on the bank.
Jane suggested inviting Charlie Brosseau to come to one of our meetings in the future to discuss a protocol for efficiently dealing with future complaints such as this.

- 5) **Bog Walk planning**
A general route was mapped out for Lea and possibly 1-2 other tracking guides to lead participants around the bog. The walk will start at 10 am, and last for 1-2 hours

depending on conditions and the interest of participants. Jane shared information and advice about leading group walks that she learned from a recent “Speaking for Wildlife” training sponsored by UNH Cooperative Extension. UNHCE provides a kit with materials and a script covering 5 different wildlife topics; among the materials are the Wildlife Action Plan habitat brochures that we can share with Bog Walk participants. Dave Falkenham, UNHCE Grafton County forester, will come 1-2 weeks before our walk to deliver the kit and do a pre-walk with walk leaders. Lea, Jess, and Alisoun plan to attend this pre-walk, tentatively scheduled for the morning of Friday, January 18th. Lea will follow-up with Dave to confirm. We decided to have hot beverages and baked goods on site to share with participants after the walk. The big push will be to get the word out between now and then. We discussed including it in the Record Enterprise’s Calendar of Community Events, having a flyer posted in places around town such as the Chamber of Commerce and the Transfer Station, including info along with the Campton Historical Society’s monthly program mailing (Jane will check with Paul Yelle about this), and mailing flyers to bog area landowners.

6) Other business

BWNA: Alisoun reported that she had visited recently, and there was some litter left behind in the mailbox, which is in need of replenishing of trailguides and a field notebook. Jane distributed trail guides to all, for replenishing as necessary.

Livermore Falls: no one from the CCC was in attendance at the most recent meeting.

Conservation Articles: Jess contacted Dave Falkenham, county forester, about a source of Conservation articles that could be reprinted in local papers, and he passed along some that he had written himself for such a purpose. Jane suggested teaming up with all or several area conservation commissions on this project. Jess will be in touch with Larry Spencer of Holderness to keep the ball rolling.

Next Meeting: **January 9th, 2013, 7pm** at the Town Office. Jane will chair.

Respectfully submitted,
Jessica Tabolt Halm