

**Campton Conservation Commission**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**March 6, 2013; 7:00 p.m.**

**Commissioners Present:** Jess Halm, Alisoun Hodges, Jane Kellogg, Lea Stewart, and Tammy Wooster. Alisoun chaired the meeting.

**1. February Minutes:**

Jess made a motion to approve the February meeting minutes. Jane seconded the motion and all were in favor.

**2. Town Meeting Preparation:**

The group took a few minutes to review the newly published 2012 Town Report. Tammy pointed out that there was a section missing from the CCC report acknowledging Jules' service and resignation. Jane offered to stand up and say a few words in recognition of Jules at the Town Meeting. The warrant articles were also quickly reviewed and the group learned that there was nothing of conservation significance up for vote this year.

**3. Misc. Follow up:**

a. Bog Walk Article:

Lea has completed and submitted an article to the Record Enterprise covering our Winter walk at Bog Pond. It was requested that she resubmit the group photo in jpeg format which she did on March 1<sup>st</sup>. We look forward to seeing the article printed in the near future.

b. Conservation Corner Articles:

Jess reported that the idea of regularly submitting a series of conservation related articles to the Record Enterprise was well received by Holderness CC Chair Larry Spencer. Additionally, Larry suggested that that series be titled "Conservation Matters" Jess is working on recruiting other area commissions to join in this effort, and will also seek approval from the Record Enterprise. Jane mentioned that PRLAC may want to take advantage of this outreach opportunity, especially since they are nearing completion of the Pemi River Corridor Management Plan. It was agreed that the article series will be limited to conservation commission submissions but that we could sponsor articles from other groups.

c. The Big Move:

All of the CCC materials have been moved out of the Town Office and are now at Jess' house waiting to be moved to the new Town Office. Jane said that she learned that the Town Office will be closed on March 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> for the purpose of moving to the new building. We will wait until all are settled in before moving, and in preparation Jane, Jess, and Tammy will meet on March 21<sup>st</sup> at 4:30 to reorganize our files at Jess' house. Jane said that access to the new building is still unclear, but some staff are receiving training on building access protocols from the Police Dept. this week. Jane will try to find out more information and report back to the group.

#### **4. Next Work Session Planning:**

Alisoun provided a list of potential work session projects which were reviewed and prioritized. It was agreed that the focus of our next work session will be to familiarize ourselves with Dropbox and Constant Contact specifics and to draft an agenda for our April Land Management meeting.

The date of the work session will be March 27<sup>th</sup> and we will presumably meet at the new town office. There, we will have internet access and all will bring laptops to work on Dropbox as a group. Jess and Jane recently met to compile a Friends of the CC e-mail list and we hope to finalize this list on Dropbox and also to send it to Beverly for import into the CC Constant Contact list. Tammy said that she sent a group e-mail to friends asking for interest in being added to our Friends list. She will forward this e-mail to all. Jane will send a similar e-mail to the Bog Pond group.

Jess will invite Leigh Ann Reynolds from the Rey Center to come to our April Land Management meeting, since she recently expressed an interest in repeating the Nature Nights program at BWNA this summer. Jess will also talk to the Campton Recreation folks about whether they plan to use the PCP field for pumpkins again this year.

#### **5. Other Business:**

Jane reported that a new Wetlands Application was filed by Campton Elementary School for athletic field drainage work, after DES had requested changes to the initial application. The project engineer called Jane requesting a signature, so the group looked at the application together. DES was concerned with drainage which seemed to be addressed in the plan. There will be a 24' x 3' drainage trench dug with a series of stone check dams and a straw erosion control blanket installed. The only CC concern was from Jess who hoped that the work doesn't compromise the footbridge leading to the Nature Trail. Jane called Engineer Bruce Barnard from our meeting and

left a message communicating this concern.

Jane also reported that she had a recent conversation with Roger LaRochelle from the Squam Lakes Conservation Society. He told her that some recent large landowners on the Holderness side of Mount Prospect were putting their land into conservation and that there may be some future conservation opportunities on the Campton side of the mountain.

Tammy shared that she learned that April 27<sup>th</sup> is National Prescription Drug Disposal Day and this would be a great CCC outreach project, even if it was as simple as an announcement in the paper. All agreed that prescription drug contamination of groundwater is a hot topic of conservation concern and should be acknowledged. Tammy said that a list of drug pick-up locations will be posted on the DES website on April 1<sup>st</sup> and she will follow up thereafter.

Alisoun asked if anyone had news from the Livermore Falls Stakeholders group. Alisoun will contact Shelagh Connelly for an update.

Lastly, the CCC received notice of the 2013 Saving Special Places conference on April 6<sup>th</sup> from 8- 3:45 at the John Stark Regional High School in Weare, NH.

Meeting adjourned 8:30 p.m.

Next meeting Wednesday, April 10, 2013, @ new Town Office

**\*\*NOTE 7:30 TIME CHANGE**

(Jane will chair)

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy Wooster