

Campton Conservation Commission Minutes

April 12, 2006

7:30 pm, Campton Town Office

Members Present: Jim Blake, Melissa Greenawalt-Yelle, Jessica Halm, and Jane Kellogg

Others Present: Peggy Martin

The meeting was called to order at 7:45 pm.

FYI Items

1. Saving Special Places Conference Update from Jane and Melissa: This workshop took place on April 1st. Jane attended workshops on sustainable forestry, prioritizing conservation lands, and working with landowners. Melissa attended a workshop on conservation subdivisions. Some of the literature they obtained will be added to the lending library in the town office.
2. Landowner Estate Planning Workshop: Jane has been in touch with Phil Auger of UNH Cooperative Extension about scheduling an evening in June for this information session. Possible dates are June 14th and June 28th. Melissa will check on the availability of the Historical Society building for these two dates. Once the date is set, Phil will take care of mailing flyers to all landowners in Campton and neighboring towns. We will also send a press release to the Record Enterprise and have Nancy Byerly include it in the Talk of the Towns column.
3. Present Day Pioneers presentation by Peter Adams of Energy Solutions on Wednesday, April 19th, 7pm, at Pease Public Library.
4. Local Foods Plymouth Project (collaborative effort of D-Acres and PAREI): more info at lfp@dacres.org
5. PSU Roundtable on Environmental Planning: May 2nd in the HUB Multi-Purpose Room.
6. Planning Board News: Jane has followed up with Dave McGraw and he is seriously interested in filling the position for a GIS specialist to help train May and keep new records updated with the new GIS software. The selectmen may wait until summer to post this position. Jane also shared info with the PB members on an upcoming presentation by Dan Sundquist of SPNHF on April 17th, 2006 at 7pm, Boyd Hall, titled NH's Changing Landscape. The intent of this presentation is to assist town planners with ways of balancing all of the demands that towns face, such as economic development and protecting rural character.
7. Pemi River Local Advisory Committee: Jane shared info from the last PRLAC meeting, where a developer from New Hampton shared an example of smart development and planning board cooperation on a recent 50ish unit subdivision of manufactured homes that is located near a tributary of the Pemi River.
8. Pemi-Baker Riverfront Project: Melissa shared that there will be a riverfront walk on April 22nd starting at the boat launch in downtown Plymouth, led by a graduate student who is undertaking a project to develop recreational trails along the Pemi in the downtown Plymouth area. This is of potential interest to Campton because there could be trails that link to Livermore Falls and beyond. This is a long-term project that we should keep abreast of.
9. Bob Barker's burial was last Friday in Boscawen. Perhaps we can help Pat Barker cope with this loss by keeping her informed of CCC happenings, particularly walks at BWNA which she is very fond of.
10. The Place You Call Home Landowner Guide: Jess obtained 2 copies for the lending library. This is a joint project of Northern Woodlands and the Wellborn Ecology Fund to distribute these guides to all landowners of 10 acres or more in the Upper Valley. The intent is to spread to other regions in the Northeast eventually. This is a good resource to include in an annotated bibliography to make available for landowners attending the estate planning workshop in June. Jess will take the lead on compiling this resource list.

BWNA Nature Walks

Scheduled for Saturdays, April 15th at 9am and May 13th at 9:30. Info should be in this week's Record Enterprise. In the future, info for these events should be given to Nancy Byerly in person, rather than via email as she is having some difficulty with distinguishing good emails from junkmail. The parking lot is ready for use by springtime visitors; the CC members agreed to meet on the 15th at 8am to clean up debris from a fallen tree and address any other concerns with the parking lot before the 9am walk.

Conservation Plan and Guidelines

There will be a work session on Wednesday, May 3rd, at 6:00pm to focus on drafting this Plan, with perhaps some initial work done via email.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, May 10th**.