

Campton Conservation Commission Minutes

February 15, 2006

7:30 pm, Campton Town Office

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

Others Present: Bob Buckeley, Christine Walker, and George Smart

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 pm.

The meeting began with introductions of guests present at the meeting. Bob Buckeley was in attendance as a representative of the Pemi-Baker Land Trust, George Smart is a resident of Campton who is interested in the work of the CCC, and Christine Walker is a representative of North Country Council.

FYI Items:

- Jess, Jane, and Jules attended the joint CC meeting that was held at Plymouth State University on January 19th. Members from several regional commissions were present. The purpose of the meeting was to share and discuss information relevant on a regional scale. Larry Spencer will be in touch to follow-up on a decision for each Commission to annually contribute a conservation-related article for the Record Enterprise.
- Plymouth is considering a project to spruce up its riverfront with landscaping, kiosks, and trails in the area near the court house. There is potential to link this trail system to Livermore Falls, and even possibly as far north as the BWNA.
- The Campton town budget hearing will be held February 15th, 7pm at the historical society building.
- Melissa and Jane gave a conservation subdivision plan document titled "Growing Greener" to a landowner who is subdividing.
- Melissa shared info on the following training opportunities:
 - Alternative transportation roundtable discussion at PSU, 6:30 PM February 21st in the HUB multi-purpose room.
 - Continuing Education Course offered through PSU: Forest Stewardship: Improving Your Woodlands, led by Nory Parr.
 - iPANE (invasive plant atlas of New England) training for volunteer invasive plant monitoring, March 26th at Hubbard Brook.
 - Evening of Information for Forest Landowners in Norwich Vermont on March 1st.

These and other related events are good opportunities to share with community members via our display at town meeting.

Jess shared info about the town of Landaff hosting a presentation on the dollars and sense of open space lands on February 21st.

Pemi-Baker Land Trust

Bob Buckeley spoke on behalf of the Pemi-Baker Land Trust, of which he is a board member. Bob shared general information about the newly-formed Land Trust and the process that they use for accepting properties for conservation easements. He will send us a document with contact info for the current board members, and hopes to finish the development of an informational brochure for landowners in time for town meeting.

Bob strongly suggested that Campton host a landowner information session similar to that held in Rumney. The CCC is in favor of hosting a meeting such as this, with a tentative summer 2006 date.

Town Meeting (March 15th) Preparation

- A warrant article has been submitted by petition to reinstate the \$5,000 cap on the Conservation Fund. The Commission members discussed ways to educate the public about the warrant article and why we feel it is a good idea for the town to continue to set aside funds for conservation at the rate voted on at last year's town meeting. The commission will submit a letter to the editor to the Record Enterprise.
- Patrick Miller has volunteered to have a few maps from Stephanie's GIS work blown-up and printed in color. We need to select maps that we would like on display at town meeting and get them to him by 2/25.

- We also need to consider having a Conservation Commission display at town meeting and pulling the information that we need together for that.
- In order to achieve these goals, the Commission decided to meet for a work session on **Wednesday, February 22nd**, at 7PM at the town office.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm.

**** The March meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, March 8th**.