

Campton Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
June 14, 2006

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

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

Conservation Easement Workshop in Review:

Jane, Jim, Jules, and Jess were present at the June 7th workshop, and shared the provided materials with Melissa. Jane shared a draft press release to send to the Record Enterprise; this was reviewed, edited, and approved. Scott Pulsifer's videotape is complete; Jane has been in touch with him over the phone. This will be a great resource to make available to individuals who might be interested in easements but were not able to attend the workshop. It was also suggested that we send a follow-up letter to all workshop participants with contact information for Phil, Alexandra, Pemi-Baker Land Trust, etc. This can take the form of a hand-written note. Jane will draft the letter, and Jess will send out the notes with the contact info inserted.

Conservation Fund Guidelines:

The commissioners reviewed an early draft of guidelines from last December, which have since been adopted with enhancements by Rumney's Conservation Commission. Using both of these drafts, the commissioners worked to update and enhance a draft for Campton. This latest draft will be shared with the Selectmen, in hopes of getting their feedback and keeping them abreast of our progress. It is our goal to finalize this policy and distribute it to landowners.

Summer Projects:

Jess will pull together a comprehensive list of resources for landowners interested in land conservation. Melissa suggested posting this list on our website once it is completed.

We also should follow-up with Kathie Fife at the SPACE office and May Brosseau to be sure that our Current Use landowner database is up-to-date. There was some concern that many landowners did not receive notice of the easement workshop; this may have been due to an inadequate database, or people assuming the flyer was junk mail.

The Campton Historical Society is working on a self-guided tour of several points of historical significance in Campton. The Conservation Commission should consider sponsoring a location that ties in natural history, or collaborating to add a couple of natural history locations. Melissa will follow-up with Historical Society members on this.

Jess suggested looking into the details and cost of having a Cost of Community Services study conducted specifically for the Town of Campton. This would give people in town real numbers for what developed, business, and open space lands cost per dollar of tax revenue in the Town of Campton.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, July 12th** at 7:30 pm at the town office.