

**Campton Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
August 11, 2010; 7:30pm**

CCC Members Present: Jess Halm, Bryon Middlekauff, Tammy Wooster

Others Present: Nick Sceggell of Granite State Rural Water

1) July Minutes:

Jess made a motion to accept the July meeting minutes. Bryon seconded the motion. All were in favor.

2) Groundwater Protection Update:

Jess took a moment to update Bryon on the Groundwater Reclassification project since he recently had surgery and has been out of the communication loop. Jess finished by saying that the Select Board won't be voting on whether to sign the application until September.

Nick explained that his work in Campton must be wrapped up by the end of August and so will be leaving us with a completed Source Water Protection Plan. He shared a similar plan he has been working on in the Town of Milford and asked whether the action items listed may also apply to Campton. Some of the recommendations discussed included septic system maintenance workshops, mapping of storm water management infrastructure, household hazardous waste/prescription drug disposal education, and the purchasing of easements on high priority lands within the wellhead protection area.

Nick went on to detail some of the possible ways to implement the plan including committee appointments and grant funding opportunities. CCC members agreed that the list was comprehensive and that we could set a goal of completing some of these action items each year with a focus on education and outreach.

Nick said that he will draft the Source Water Protection Plan over the next three weeks and will be looking for CCC review and input. He then left the meeting.

3) Land Management:

a. BWNA

Both Jess and Bryon had recently visited BWNA and agreed that the trails were in good shape. Tammy asked where the new Trail Entrance sign should be hung and consensus was that near the kiosk would be appropriate.

b. PCP

- i. Sign ideas: Ron and Jane are moving ahead with the new PCP sign. Tammy gave Jess the leftover stain and paint from the BWNA sign project.
- ii. Trails: We will set a date at our next meeting to begin cutting of the newly flagged trail network. Mid to late September will be the goal.

- iii. Elm Tree Update: Jess reported that the elm tree has been planted in the PCP field and a post displaying the small plaque has been erected. Jess then read aloud an e-mail she received from Carol Lenahan detailing the work to date as well as some late breaking developments. In summary, The Elm Tree Society suggested that a small fence be built around the tree serving as a wildlife/vandal deterrent and also to draw attention to the tree.

Carol consulted Don LeBlanc of the Mad River Fence Company who offered either a split rail or unpainted picket fence as possibilities. Don also generously offered free labor and is willing to complete the work in time for the 8/14 Liberty Tree Ceremony possibly with help from CCC and/or Garden Club members. Carol also asked if the CCC could cover half of the fence expense, which would be around \$200,000. All agreed that a split rail fence would be preferable over a picket fence and that we are willing to share the cost, but are unable to commit time before Saturday's ceremony to help with installation. Jess will follow up with Carol.

- iv. Parking Lot Progress:
Jess will contact with Butch Bain tomorrow to see if he can complete the driveway entrance site work and if not she will contact Dirt Designs.

- v. Mowing:
We are still waiting on a mowing quote from Jeff Tobine.

4) Budget Planning:

To date the CCC has spent approximately 425.00 from our \$1200.00 budget. Anticipated remaining expenses include Elm Tree fencing, November NHACC Conference Fees, and PCP parking area and sign work.

5) LRPC Update:

Dave Jeffers recently asked the CC to submit a letter of support to help secure grant money to update the PRLAC Corridor Management Plan. Jess signed and submitted this letter of support.

6) Conservation Easements on Ellsworth Hill:

Since our last meeting, Jess placed a follow up call to an Ellsworth Hill resident who expressed interest last year in obtaining a Conservation Easement. Recently another Ellsworth landowner approached Jess with an interest in pursuing a conservation easement by the end of this year. This landowner suggested a preference for The Forest Society as the easement holder, and asked the CCC for financial assistance. Jess thought this may be an opportunity for both landowners to partner their efforts, especially since the two parcels are interconnected. Jess will ask Jane to follow up on this.

7) FYI:

- a. PRLAC Update:

Jane was not present so an update could not be provided.

b. Upcoming Events:

NHACC Conference will be upcoming the first Saturday in November, details to follow.

c. Adopt a Highway Project:

Jess contacted DOT to inquire about the Adopt a Highway signs that are to be posted along Blair Road and Rte 175. Apparently DOT lost the paperwork and a representative came to our meeting with another packet. Jess signed the paperwork and it will be resubmitted.

d. Other FYI:

Bryon mentioned that he had an unresolved item on his to do list. He had volunteered to be a Campton liaison for the North Country Council's Scenic Byway Initiative. Brian said he called Ann Marie Foote back in March to begin the process but never heard back.

**Meeting adjourned 9:30pm
Next Meeting Sept 8,2010;7:30pm**

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy Wooster