

Campton Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes
March 4, 2009; 7pm

Members present: Jess Halm, Melissa Greenawalt-Yelle, Jane Kellogg, Lisa Doner, Tammy Wooster

1) GWP:

a.) Letter and Map to Gary Benedix:

Jess drafted a letter to the CVP detailing our wishes to move forward with Groundwater Protection efforts. The letter stated that the CCC is in agreement with the recommendations of Pierce Rigrod to reclassify both the Wellhead Protection Area (WPA) and aquifer to the GA1 level. Jess delivered the letter along with the DES map to Gary in time for the 2/18 CVP meeting. There has been no reply to date.

b.) Upcoming Water Related Meetings/Workshops:

There are two upcoming meetings relevant to our groundwater work:

- i) At the March 31 PRLAC meeting NH DES rep. Paul Susca will present the State Water Resources Plan and the publication of the Primer at Boyd Hall, 7pm. Jane shared the following website address for more information:
<http://www.desnh.gov/organization/divisions/water/dwgb/wrpp/primer.htm>
- ii) The second event is the DES Drinking Water Source Protection Workshop at the Grappone Conference Center, 70 Constitution Ave, Concord on May 1st, 9am-4pm. Reservations are required at <http://www.agwt.org/workshops.htm> This event is designed for land use planners, conservation officials and water supply managers and will present findings from new research related to protection, financing, zoning, and regulatory issues. Tammy will forward this info to the CVP.

2. April Land Management Meeting:

a.) Agenda:

Melissa and Jess will draft an agenda covering land management issues for the BWNA and Pattee Properties. We will use Lisa's Pattee Timeline as a guide and break it out further into long and short term goals. Lisa will reprint the timeline in a larger format. Our hope is that interested town folk will attend this meeting, provide input, and perhaps volunteer time for management work.

b.) Spread The Word: Melissa typed a quick meeting announcement and will create postcards for display at town meeting. Jess will e-mail the meeting announcement to Joelle Freeman for posting in the Record Enterprise. Tammy will ask Beverly Chappell to post the announcement on our web page. Jane will ask Ann Marie to invite Selectmen to the meeting.

3. Town Meeting Display:

Melissa obtained permission from the town moderator to set up our display at both voting and town meeting. Melissa and Jane will set up the display, Tammy and Jess will break it down. Clarification is needed as to whether the display should be broken down between voting and TM since school will be in

session. Melissa will check on this. A few minutes were taken to photocopy, fold and gather materials for the display.

4. Pattee Property:

a.)Snowshoe Walk:

On March 1st Jess, Jane, Melissa, Tammy, Ian Halm, and Ron Reynolds walked through the forested part of the Pattee property into the Blair State Forest. The purpose of the walk was to familiarize ourselves with the land and envision where future trails might be laid out. Ian shared his forestry expertise and Melissa and Ron tracked our route via GPS so we now have points of reference. Parking lot and kiosk area ideas were also discussed. Jess will re-contact Bob Spoerle from the Division of Forests and Lands and set up a time to meet in late April. By that time we will have conducted our April meeting and may have some sense of public interest.

b.)Realtor Update:

We now have a range of market value figures for the Pattee property in anticipation of Town meeting questions. It was noted that the two figures provided by Joan Clay and Joe McCord were quite disparate. Joe's information was provided verbally and Jess will follow up to get it in writing. Assuming the house sale warrant article vote is approved, we will reconvene on April 1st @7pm for a quick meeting to determine next steps in getting the house on the market.

5. BWNA:

a.)Donation:

It was decided to table this issue until the next meeting which is solely dedicated to land mgmt. issues.

6: FYI:

a.)PB/PRLAC: Jane reported that Steve Couture the DES Rivers Coordinator presented updates on budget issues, CSPA rule changes, invasive species, and the State Water Resources plan and Primer. One notable topic of discussion was the in-lieu fee program for wetland mitigation. Developers are required to go through a series of mitigation steps when there are impacts to large wetlands. As a last resort fees must be paid into the in-lieu fee mitigation fund. This fund has ~\$82,000 available for 2010, to be used for NH town wetland mitigation projects.

b.)CSPA Meeting:

On Feb. 19th Jane and Tammy attended a meeting requested by DES Jason Aube for the purpose of updating area town officials on the Shore Land Protection Act. Campton Planning Board members Charlie Brosseau and Harry Hughen also attended. There was one representative each from the towns of Thornton, No. Woodstock and Rumney. Changes covered were the removal of the stamped survey requirement and unaltered state requirements within the natural woodland buffer.

c.)CE Project Process:

Jane reported that she had sent out a conservation easement (CE) information packet to a Campton landowner who responded to the recent CCC mailing. Jane will follow up with a phone call after Town Meeting. Jane also received an e-mail from a landowner who had been interested in establishing a land trust but now wants to suspend the project due to the depressed housing market.

d.)Ellen Edersheim:

Jess reported that Ellen has withdrawn her offer to join the CCC due to health issues.

e.)Saving Special Places Workshop:

This eighth annual NH Land Conference will take place April 4th at the Gilford Middle-High School. Workshop descriptions and registration info. may be found at <http://www.clca.forestsociety.org>
Jane and Melissa will attend.

Meeting adjourned: 8:50pm
Next Meeting April 8, 2009; 7pm