

Campton Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
May 12, 2010; 7:30pm

Members Present: Melissa Greenawalt-Yelle, Jules Doner, Bryon Middlekauff, Tammy Wooster

Others Present: Nick Sceggell (Granite State Rural Water)

- 1) **Minutes of April Meeting:** Jules made a motion to accept the minutes. Bryon seconded the motion. All were in favor.
- 2) **Friends of CCC Database:** Melissa passed around a printed copy of the friends of the CCC list which has been used to generate mailings. We are now trying to update the list to include e-mail addresses and phone numbers in an effort to more efficiently communicate CCC news to interested citizens. Melissa posted the list on Google Docs and asked all to help with edits and additions.
- 3) **LRPC Wetland Map:** Jane received a map of potential wetland restoration sites from the Lakes Region Planning Commission (LRPC). The sites are within two sub watersheds of the Pemi; the Campton Bog and the Beebe River drainages. Criteria for evaluating high value sites include human impacts, land cover and size. The LRPC requested that the CC review the map and add any locally important sites missing. The BWNA and PCP were both added as well as a stream crossing. Jules questioned the location of an active dam on the map near his property. The locations of vernal pools identified last spring still need to be added.
- 4) **Land Management:**
 - a) **BWNA:**
 - i. **Workday Unfinished Business:**

Melissa has pictures from the April 24th work day that she will share with Leah and post on the website. Eric Wooster plans on completing the handrail bracing when time allows and Tammy is almost finished painting the trail entrance sign. There is still interest in constructing a rustic bench to re-route/deter people from taking a short cut down the bank to the river. For now, the area has been brushed in for this purpose.
 - b.) **PCP:**
 - i. **Lee Kidney Input:**

Lee Kidney was not able to make it to our land management meeting but wanted to communicate that if we decide to mow the PCP field every 2-3 years, his mower would be unable to do the job. A bigger mower would be needed to handle the woody vegetation that would grow as a result of intermittent mowing. Jules said

that we could hand cut the woody vegetation with loppers if needed. In either case it was agreed to keep an eye on what grows this year.

ii. Elm Tree planting:

Melissa reported that there has been some new correspondence from the Garden Club surrounding the proposed Elm tree planting at the PCP. Apparently the elm tree is not a donation but, rather will cost \$1,775.00 including shipping. The Garden Club is looking for community support of this project and is asking for funding assistance. The idea of using CC funds for this purpose was discussed and questioned given our budgetary restraints. Melissa suggested a way around using CC funds directly would be to give personal donations. Everyone agreed that it shouldn't be difficult to raise the money and thought most in town would rise to the occasion and respond with enthusiasm.

iii. Parking Access/Butch Bain Follow-up:

Jules said that he spoke with Devon from the road crew reminding him of our request to move some boulders to mark the PCP parking area entrance. Devon told Jules that this project was next on the list after work on Page road is completed. Jules will continue to follow-up.

iv. Potential Forestry Work Day:

Jess would like to invite Dave Falkenham back to the PCP for a workday to map out potential trails and discuss how to improve the health of the stand of trees at the edge of the property. Dave had previously offered to come and assist with tree marking. A date was not set since both Jess and Jane were not in attendance but Melissa said she will be seeing Dave on May 29th and will ask his availability.

5) Groundwater Reclassification efforts, continued:

Nick Sceggell reported that we are now ready to present our reclassification work to the Select Board. Nick will ask Ann Marie to put this item on the Monday 5/24 Select Board meeting agenda. Nick is working to obtain letters of support from other water districts in town. The PCS list is finalized and contains 15 sites. After meeting with the town of Plymouth and DES the consensus was that the inspection process would take about one hour per site. At 5 inspections per year, the time commitment would equate to only 5 hours/year, plus some nominal administrative work. Nick envisions the health officer or some equivalent to take on this role which will ultimately be decided by the Select Board. The CCC could initially take ownership of maintaining the PCS database which will be a dynamic file to be edited as needed. Other work items include future educational mailings and a potential public hearing. Nick stressed the importance as presenting this project as a tool for protecting our valuable groundwater resource. Finally, Nick shared "Map of Community Water Systems" that he created. Nick was thanked and left the meeting.

6) Bank/Shoreline/Driveway project updates:

C. Smith bank Stabilization:

Tammy reported that she called Corey last week for an update and Corey expressed frustration at failed attempts to communicate with DES. He has since placed more loads of

erosion stone at the site which was recommended by an engineer and feels the situation has been resolved. He said he has been closely monitoring the site after recent rain events and has observed no additional erosion. Jane had told Corey that through a phone conversation DES recommended silt fencing. Corey feels that silt fencing is an inappropriate application for this issue since the water is freely percolating through the newly placed erosion stone and there is no overland flow. He would be happy to implement DES recommendations but not without a site visit. At this point Corey feels that if DES does intend to invest time and or resources that these would be better applied to a bigger erosion problem about 100 meters upstream from his property. He welcomes anyone to visit this site for further discussion.

b.) K. Rodgers Driveway:

Jules reported that he attended the 5/4 Planning Board meeting where the Kevin Rodgers steep driveway issue was discussed. Kevin expressed that he was unaware of the erosion problem being created by runoff from his driveway into the Tobine wetlands. Jules said that no official recommendations were given since the meeting was a work session. At this point Mr. Rodgers and Mr. Tobine need to work together with the road crew in figuring how to channel the water away from the wetland, i.e. culverts.

c.) Mespelli Wetland Permit:

Melissa reported that the Mespelli wetland permit was originally filed as a minimum impact permit. Through conversations with Jane and others, Mespelli resubmitted the application as a standard Dredge and Fill. The application is now going through the DES system.

d.)Beebe River Crossing:

Melissa reported that Jess had recently made contact with Dave Keel, a property manager for the Wagner Lands. Jess explained the repeated failed attempts by the CCC to resolve the illegal river ford problem. Jess had forwarded the original Yankee letter along with recent photos depicting the trenching and siltation to Dave. Since then, Jules met with Dave at the site and solutions were discussed. Dave said that he sees it as a town issue since the water causing the erosion is flowing down the Class VI road before it approaches the river crossing site. Dave feels some re-ditching of the turn-out to the approach and some concrete barrier placements will resolve the problem.

7.) FYI:

a.) There will be a Coverts meeting and tour on May 29th from 9-12 at the junction of Lower Beech Hill road and Turnpike Road. The focus will be on land clearing for wildlife habitat enhancement. Melissa and Jules will attend.

Meeting Adjourned 9:30pm
Next Meeting: June 9, 7:30pm