

Campton Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
October 13, 2010; 7pm

Members Present: Jess Halm, Melissa Greenawalt-Yelle, Jane Kellogg, Jules Doner, Tammy Wooster

1) September Minutes:

Jane made a motion to accept the September meeting minutes. Melissa seconded the motion. All were in favor.

2) Groundwater Protection Update:

The SelectBoard has been provided copies of the completed Groundwater Reclassification application and the proposed Drinking Water Source Protection Plan. Ann Marie recently notified the CCC via e-mail that the Board will be taking an official vote on whether to sign the reclassification application at their Oct 18th meeting at 7:10 pm. Tammy will contact Nick Sceggell and inform him of the upcoming vote.

3) Beebe River Crossing Revisited:

A resident recently contacted the CCC expressing concern over the potential for increased pressure on the Beebe River. There has been an ongoing discussion between landowners and the SelectBoard regarding Beebe River bridge repair and road class designation issues. Jess has recently visited the site and observed no new damage from illegal crossing directly through the river, but did notice deepening of gullies in the steep sections of the road below the cemetery, carrying erosion material directly into the river.

There had been progress made in addressing the erosion after meeting with Wagner Forester Dave Keel. Dave had agreed to place some boulders at the illegal crossing site with his own equipment, but only after the town did some roadside ditching to divert runoff. The ditching work has not been done because the town maintains that it cannot use resources on a Class VI road.

The CCC will continue to monitor the erosion and in the meantime make an effort to become familiar with the newly instituted DES Stream Crossing Rules at upcoming workshops. It has also been suggested that we look into the possibility of involving Fish & Game in a video surveillance effort.

4) Land Management: PCP

a. Boundary questions with the Lanes:

Jess, Jane, and Realtor Harry Hughen recently met with Clint and Anita Lane to discuss boundary and mowing issues. An agreement was made that Clint could continue mowing the town piece of property directly behind his house, but discontinue mowing the section along Blair Road, since the CCC intends to manage the property as a meadow.

a) After measuring the property boundaries as detailed in the deed with the CCC, the Lanes expressed a need to have their lot professionally surveyed. Their primary concern is that the

loan they secured stipulates that the well must not be within ten feet of a boundary line and it clearly does. This could potentially affect the resale value of their home. Additionally, there are some trees and bushes that are on town property but are very close to the house and the Lane's wish to maintain them. The Lanes agreed to research surveying costs and attend our next meeting to discuss sharing the surveying expenses. Jane shared a sketch she had made of the property and all were surprised at where the boundaries lie contrary to what was thought at the time of sale. There was agreement that a property line adjustment may be necessary and if so, a newly delineated lot should include the same amount of footage with a different configuration. There will be continued discussion at our next meeting with the Lanes present.

b. Sign Update:

The PCP sign is up and looks great thanks to the help of Ron Reynolds and Ian Halm.

c. Elm Update:

Watering the elm tree is no longer needed now that the leaves are off. Carol Lenehan communicated to Jess that some rodent deterring tree wrap and fertilizer need to be applied before ground freezing, and the Garden Club will take care of these tasks. Jess will request that organic fertilizer be used.

d. Poison Ivy:

Poison ivy along the Blair Road stone wall will continue to spread and may present a problem in the future. Pulling the poison ivy and posting a sign were discussed as alternatives to herbicides. Jess will post the poison ivy issue on the new NHACC online forum in an effort to seek creative solutions.

e. Mowing:

Jeff Tobine provided a quote for mowing the PCP field which is in the range of \$450-\$550 depending on how long we wait. This estimate was requested for budget planning purposes, since there is no plan to mow until next year. In the meantime, Melissa suggested we look into alternatives such as bartering with a local farmer who could potentially have a use for the mowed grass. In the meantime, Jules will mow a walking path around the field this fall.

f. Trail Work Day:

A work day has been scheduled for Sunday Oct 17, at 1 pm, to begin cutting the flagged trail network.

g. Driveway/fence for Parking:

This item was tabled until the next meeting. Jess will let Butch know that the driveway permit no longer stands since we intend to move the location.

5) Brian Middlekauff Update:

Although Brian cannot be an active CCC member due to health issues, he still wishes to be included in e-mail correspondence.

As an aside, Jane said that we have a potentially interested new member who will be attending our next meeting.

6) FYI:

a. Conservation Easement Inquiry

Jane has been in e-mail and phone contact with the Ellsworth Hill property owner looking to put his land into a conservation easement. The Forest Society is the intended easement holder and the landowner is looking for some CCC support in defraying surveying and legal fees. Consensus was that this is a great opportunity to put Conservation Funds to work. Jane will communicate the CCC's interest in supporting this effort and cost sharing specifics will be determined when the landowner can provide an exact figure. The goal is to complete the easement process before year end.

b. PRLAC

The CCC has received a letter from PRLAC requesting a \$200 contribution and all agreed that we will itemize this in our 2011 budget, as we did last year

Jane reported that there will soon be a link to an on-line survey designed to assist in renewing the Pemi River Management Plan. The survey will serve to assess recreational use, habits and perceptions of those living, working, and recreating along the Pemi River corridor. All are encouraged to complete the survey and forward the link to others.

c. Sponsor a Highway

The Sponsor a Highway signs have been posted along a 2 mile stretch from the Bog Road overpass to Blair Road to the Rt. 175 junction, and south ending just before Pulsifer Rd. The CCC is now the official steward of this road stretch and our first cleanup date has been set for Sunday, November 14th at 9 am. We will each bring a friend and meet at the PCP. Melissa will contact the DOT for vests and trash bags.

d. NHACC Workshop and Forum:

NHACC has created a new on-line forum designed to encourage discussion amongst NH CC members and serve as an informational resource.

The NHACC annual conference will be November 6th in Concord. Most CC members will attend and we took some time selecting which sessions to attend. The registration deadline is Oct. 28th, and it was decided that all will register on-line and save registration confirmations for later reimbursement.

e. Other

NHDES Wetlands Bureau sent the CCC a copy of a letter to the Central NH Snowmobile Club confirming receipt of a Notification of Trail Development Activity having minimum wetland impact.

**Meeting adjourned, ` 9:05 pm
Next Meeting Wednesday Nov 10th, 2010; 7pm**

