

Campton Conservation Commission Minutes

October 8, 2008, 7:30 pm

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

1. Pattee Property

- a. Timeline of events: All members present participated in the recollection of Pattee property project events summarizing them as they unfolded from inception to date. This timeline is submitted as separate minutes titled: "Pattee Timeline"

- b. Pumpkin Carving Contest Display: Craig Keeney's wife suggested we team up with the WV Chamber of Commerce and have the Pattee Property serve as a display site for pumpkins after their carving contest. Jess spoke with Carol O'Neil, owner of the Campton Inn who is involved with The Chamber and said she would bring up the subject at our Oct. meeting. The Chamber is drumming the event up among area schools in hopes of it being bigger than in years past. CCC members agreed that it would be ok as long as parking was confined to the south side of Blair rd. and the house driveway. Melissa suggested we rope off an area near the house lot before the event if there is a need for parking beyond these two areas. Jess will follow up with Carol.

- c. Next Steps: Jess reported that The Selectmen preferred to leave the electricity on at the Pattee house over the winter to deter vandals and to provide light in the event of an emergency. Jess also reported that the house insurance was covered under the town's umbrella policy. Lisa asked her to clarify whether the insurance is strictly liability or if it also covers structural damage. Jess will follow up. All agreed that some sort of language should be inserted in the deed to ensure that the property only be used for conservation purposes. Jess will contact the NH Assoc. of Conservation Commissions to inquire about proper verbage.

2. Groundwater Protection

- a. Meeting with DES: Tammy reported that Pierce Rigrod, DES Source Water Protection Specialist will attend our Nov 12 meeting to answer our questions regarding reclassification of the stratified drift aquifer. The CVP has also been informed of our meeting but has yet to respond. Pierce asked how much time we are willing to dedicate to this topic, and what we would like to come away with. It was discussed that 30-45 minutes would suffice and that we would prefer a question and answer session over a Powerpoint presentation. Tammy will

e-mail Pierce and ask if there are any forms that he could e-mail in advance of our meeting so that we can ask more informed questions.

3. FYI Items:

- a. Beebe River Update: Lisa drafted a letter to Yankee Forest Lands informing them of the ORV damage and our actions/recommendations to date. The proposed course of action was to fill in the existing gullies, seed the topsoil with native plants, and put boulders in place to permanently restrict access. The letter was reviewed and 8 photos documenting the damage were chosen to submit along with the letter.

Jess said she spoke with the Road Agent about the haybales and silt fence along the river which were apparently put there by a private logger attempting to remediate some damage after conflicting with Yankee.

Melissa reported that she was contacted by some appraisers assessing the property as part of the conservation initiative currently underway through TPL/SLCS who saw our minutes and wanted to know where the damage site was.

- b. Protected River Sign Update: Jess reported that this project was ongoing. Two signs are waiting to be picked up at DES but it doesn't make sense to do so until the other two are ready. Bridge construction is the reason for the holdup. Jules offered to pick the signs up with his truck when they are ready.
- c. Conferences/Workshops:
 - i. NH Assoc. of Conservation Commissions annual meeting: Sat., Nov 8th, 8:30-3:30 pm at Rundlett Middle School in Concord. If any CCC members would like to attend, let Melissa know and she will submit Registration form to Ann Marie for payment.
 - ii. NH Watershed Conference, Sat., Nov 15, 2008 7:00am -3:00pm, Grappone Conference Ctr., Concord. Melissa will handle registration for anyone interested.

Melissa will also ask Ann Marie for an updated figure our upcoming budget meeting.

- d. Dredge and Fill Application for Bump Bridge: Jess had submitted a letter of support prior to the Sep. CCC mtg. The CCC has since received notification that the application was approved, and construction has begun on Bump Bridge.
- e. Alteration of terrain Application: Jess will ask Jane to update the CCC at our next meeting regarding the details of Pike Industries' response to our concerns sent to DES about the Alteration of Terrain Permit submitted by Pike on Greg Jencks' property.
- f. Changes to NH Right to Know Law:
<http://www.nhlgc.org/LGCWebsite/InfoForOfficials/righttoknowlaw.html>

As a commission who heavily relies on e-mail correspondence, it was agreed we should be familiar with these updates.

- g. Tax incentives: Melissa shared a Forest Notes article that detailed new tax incentives for landowners who put land into conservation. The incentives are significant and we discussed how best to inform the public of them. Melissa will post them in the town office and submit them for posting on our web site. Lisa suggested we create a folder on our website in the future specifically for green tax incentives.

Meeting adjourned 9:45 pm

Next meeting Nov 12th, 7:30 pm (joint mtg. with CVP & DES)