

Campton Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes

August 8th, 2007; Campton Town Office; 7:00pm

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

Others present: Gary Benedix (CVP), John Whitney (CVP), Tom Howard (Conservation Real Estate),
Celia Riechel (Brown University)

The meeting was called to order at 7:06pm

Rick Tuck Property update:

- The LCHIP grant was completed and submitted by the deadline; LCHIP has sent formal acknowledgement of receiving the application. The decision date for grant funding is October 29th. Question to clarify: can funds spent prior to the grant being awarded be matched by LCHIP?
- Gary will continue to pursue status of DES grant monies.
- Legal council is needed to draft the easement alongside the purchase and sale agreement. This will be brought to the Selectmen on Monday, August 13th, to determine if the town attorney is a suitable match for this task.
- Jane will contact Tom Armstrong regarding timing for appraisal (easement drafting extends this timeline).
- A hazardous waste level 1 inspection will also be needed before the real estate transaction takes place.

Celia Reichel, Brown University

- Celia attended our meeting to discuss a Masters project that she is working on to research two towns, one in Oregon and one being Campton, both of which abut national recreation lands and are on the edge of rapid development pressures. She is trying to look for patterns among characteristics of land parcels and landowners for properties bought and sold from 1980-present. She came to the CCC to inform us of her work and to get some ideas for how best to obtain the necessary data. Melissa suggested the Historical Society as a valuable resource. Contact info was exchanged in the event of further questions/ideas arising.

Expenditures: bill for T. Howard services, \$550 for month of July

- Melissa made a motion to expend \$275 from the conservation fund to cover the cost of CCC's share of this bill. Lisa seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Jane will arrange for payment.

Miscellaneous FYI:

- PRLAC NH Protected River project: DES is organizing a sign program for federally protected rivers, including the Pemigewasset and several other NH rivers. Each town is being asked to purchase signs for river crossings. There is a short application process, and DES covers a portion of the total cost. The two crossings in Campton are the Blair Bridge and Rt. 49. The cost is \$176 for each crossing (2 signs each), of which DES pays \$80. This can be brought to the Selectmen at the August 13th meeting for approval. Jules will work on the application paperwork.
- Rte. 49 Pemi River access has been closed by landowner due to excessive use on recent weekends.
- Comprehensive Shoreline Protection Act was passed in NH legislature. Will take effect in April of '08. DES is currently in process of writing rules to fit the legislation.
- DES in lieu fee program for wetland protection: new rules are in place, no \$\$ in Pemi watershed yet.
- New invasive found in some VT rivers, including Connecticut River: "rock snot" algae smothers habitat for stream insects, thereby affecting fish populations.
- Planning Board updates: renewed efforts to crackdown on junkyards; pending Wilson Tire cleanup of tires down bank prior to sale
- Jim Blake is back to work, recovering from illness, moving to Rumney. Jess will write card on behalf of CCC.
- DES permit for local pond expected soon; Jane will give N. Woodlands article about woodland ponds to landowner for consideration.
- Trout Unlimited Pemi Site visit in Woodstock, August 23rd, 9:30 am: Jane will send details via email.
- SLCA meeting with Selectmen has been changed to September 10th
- Historic marker at Leah Gray's house was installed, sponsored by members of CCC. Total cost was \$100, give \$\$ to Melissa to help share this cost.
- Hannah Joyce has info packet that is distributed to new residents regarding dump hours, etc. Lisa will follow-up on this to see about including conservation info.
- Jess will send website updates to Beverly with next set of minutes; any additional suggestions for updates should be sent to Jess; current commissioners and annual reports through 2006 will be updated.
- Lisa: Plymouth has registered public drinking water wellheads as protected wellheads with NHDES; this may be a useful course of action for Campton.
- Next PB meeting (potential for discussion of R. Tuck property) is Tuesday, 8/14, at 7:30 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45pm.

The next scheduled meeting is **Wednesday, September 12th, at 7:30 pm.**