

Campton Conservation Commission Minutes

May 9, 2007

7:30 PM

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

CVP Members present: Butch Burhoe, Gary Benedix

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM

Discussion regarding protection of the R.Tuck property that abuts CVP public drinking water wells was moved to the front of the agenda:

- Selectmen's Meeting on May 7th: CCC/CVP gave the Selectmen an update on project thus far.
- Update from most recent Planning Board meeting: no new property proposal was presented, though potential changes were discussed; PB granted an additional 90-day extension; road access to commercial lots was called into question (ownership of road was unknown); further research by CVP has shown that road is owned by the Town of Campton, with access granted to CVP for specific purposes.
- Jane proposed a follow-up with Rick Tuck through Tom Howard (3rd party negotiator), to discuss the purchase of development rights before he incurs unnecessary costs with additional plan redraws and/or site work. There was a general consensus on this matter among those present.
- Jane will contact Tom Howard and set up a preliminary meeting time, perhaps in Moultonborough to save on traveling expenses, and then follow-up with Rick about meeting to discuss his desires for the property before the next PB meeting.
- Lisa brought up the question of whether R.Tuck might be willing to sell his property, with a granted easement for his continued use for horseback riding, in order to glean a higher price for the land, and further protect the interests of the CCC and CVP, rather than retaining ownership but selling development rights.
- It was agreed that the CCC and CVP would split the costs associated with Tom Howard's work 50/50.

Other CCC business:

- Lisa Doner has been officially sworn in as a new Campton Conservation Commissioner. Jane shared the current mission statement and CCC Fund guidelines. Welcome, Lisa!
- FYI: miscellaneous mailings from various CCC partners for workshops, grant funding, etc; Potential grant funding opportunity for wellhead protection projects described in DES's *The Source*; CCC will consider sponsoring a student for Conservation Camp next year (timing seemed too tight for this year).
- Melissa shared that NH Audubon has listed Campton Pond as an Area of Concern for uncommon Wood Turtles.
- Two recently submitted wetland permit applications by State of NH and USFS; no action required on behalf of the CCC.
- Lisa suggested including general info about land conservation options and the CCC's mission in a packet(?) that is given to newcomers who move into town. She will further research the details on this.
- BWNA: successful trails clean-up last Sunday morning; Melissa proposed purchasing plexi-glass covering for kiosk to prevent damage to display items. Jules will handle the purchasing details for the supplies necessary, and new info will be added to the kiosk once the protective covering is installed; Jane will pursue applying for a DES permit to control bank erosion along the riverbank near the Blair Bridge lookout.
- CHS Collaboration: the Historical Society is considering a summertime tour of Leah Gray's home (formerly Blair Chapel), coupled with natural and cultural history guided walks on BWNA. Details are forthcoming.
- Melissa proposed having a CCC Member-sponsored historical marker at the site of Blair Chapel. Each member would be asked to donate \$20 in personal funds.
- Jess Halm made a motion to use Conservation Fund monies to pay for 50% of the expenses associated with Tom Howard's services as a 3rd party negotiator for the wellhead protection project. The other 50% will be paid by the CVP. The motion was seconded by Lisa Doner, and passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 PM

Next Meeting: June 13th, 2007 at 7:30 PM