

Campton Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes

October 10th, 2007; Campton Town Office; 7:30pm

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:40pm

1. **2007 Budget Expenditures:** There are still funds left in the 2007 budget for education, printing, and BWNA management. There are several upcoming conferences in November that commissioners may want to take advantage of, such as the NHACC Annual Meeting on November 3rd in Concord, and a watershed conference at NHTI on November 17th. BWNA management funds will be used toward expenses associated with new wooden signs on the trails and near the entrance. Lisa also brought up the idea of printing a brochure with general CCC info and smart development practices for new residents and local realtors. Jane will contact North Country Council for relevant info, and Jess will draft an outline for a tri-fold brochure that could be used as a self-mailer. This info could also be sent to local supporters of the CCC along with a cover letter to keep them informed of the work we've been doing.
2. **Planning Board Update:** Jane, Jules, and Lisa attended the PB work session where a DES employee came to share info to the Board on water issues and protection measures. He led a general Q&A session, and brought several maps of the local watershed, which were left with May Brosseau for future Town use. Much information was gleaned from this info session, including the following:
 - The deepest reservoir along the Pemi Corridor aquifer is in the area of Campton's existing wellheads.
 - CVP has authority to inspect area businesses (gas stations, etc.) to be sure that they are in compliance with water protection standards.
 - Any new wells must be surrounded by a 400' protective radius, which is owned by the CVP. (This was not the case when the current wells were installed).
 - Towns are encouraged to use zoning to increase protection of their drinking water supply.
3. **BWNA:** Melissa will be in touch with Jules to get a special drill bit to update the kiosk. Melissa, Jane, and Jess each recently visited the trails to clear overhanging branches and fallen trees. A generous offer from the land donor, along with funds in our existing budget, have prompted discussion of installing new wooden signs along the trails as well as near the road. Jess will check with Ian on the best way to mount these signs to minimize damage to trees (recycled plastic may be another option). Ron Reynolds may be helpful with sign construction; Jane will check with him. Also, Jess will check with the road agent and NH DOT about having a traffic safety sign installed along Rte. 3 North to caution motorists of the trail entrance, as visibility is limited.
4. **Wetland permits:** The town road agent, Butch Bane, has applied for a wetland permit along with NH DOT to upgrade the culvert on Beech Hill Rd. that services the Campton Bog outlet. He has requested that the CCC write a letter of support for this project. Jane will schedule a site visit for Monday, October 15th with Butch so that the conservation commissioners can look at the work that needs to be done. This may help prevent a much more involved repair process in the future. Peter Mespelli has also filed some additional paperwork with the State regarding a proposed wetland project. He has been in contact with Jane about sharing copies of these documents with the CCC, but we have not received these so far.
5. **NH Protected River Signage:** In Jules' absence, Lisa shared info regarding progress on this matter. The town Selectboard would first like to obtain additional info about what it means to be a NH Protected River, and what the full cost of the sign installation project will be. Since Jules will be away for the next 3 weeks, Lisa will continue work on this. Jane will forward program coordinator Steve Couture's contact info to Lisa.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10pm.

The next scheduled meeting is **Wednesday, November 14th, at 7:30 pm.**