

Campton Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
December 8, 2010; 7pm

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

1) November Minutes:

Jess made a motion to approve the November meeting minutes. Jane seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

2) Land Management:

a. PCP:

i. Surveying Quotes:

Jess reported via Jules that he had received two quotes for surveying the entire PCP and chose the lower estimate as agreed upon. Jules also secured a check from Mary Durgin and surveying work began today. The surveyor asked what digital format we want the survey in and Jane will follow up with Ron Reynolds on this, presumably for the purpose of incorporating the survey into the town's GIS database.

Jules attempted to call the Lanes to notify them of the surveyor's presence but the phone number was disconnected so he left a note on their door. Jane will try to find a working number for the Lanes.

ii. Driveway Permit:

Melissa completed the Driveway Permit application, had it signed by Charlie Wheeler and submitted it to the DOT.

b. BWNA:

i. Trail Guide Reprints:

Melissa received estimates from True Colors for reprinting 100 and 200 copies of the trail guide which were \$90.70 and \$177.30 respectively. These estimates include a 10% Non-profit discount. An additional cost of approx. \$20 will be required to make edits to the guide, so Melissa will try and obtain the digital file from True Colors so she can make the edits herself.

ii. Winter Parking Lot Closure:

Melissa has the supplies needed to close up the parking area for the winter, and she and Jane will meet on Friday Dec. 10, at 9 a.m. to do the work. Jess will send a post to the Record Enterprise informing the public of parking alternatives.

3) NHLGC legal response to card sales:

Melissa asked for CCC input to settle on wording for dispersing note cards and trail guides to the public. Consensus was that our policy will be to ask for a suggested donation for the note cards and trail guides to support conservation projects. These donations would then be placed into the Conservation fund as allowed by RSA 36A:4 and 36A:5. Melissa will run this verbiage by Carol Andrews from the NHACC.

Melissa reminded the group that there are depositing timeframes that need to be adhered to when accepting specific amounts of donation monies. She will clarify these procedures and communicate them to the CCC.

The CCC's current policy of asking BWNA visitors to leave a suggested \$1.00 donation in the trailhead mailbox if they wish to keep the guide was reviewed. It was noted that it has been some time since any money was collected. Jess suggested that alternatively, we could put a sentence in the trail guide stating that donations in support of this work can be made to the CCC at 1307 NH Rte 175, Campton, NH 03223. All agreed that this was a more secure way to collect donations. Melissa will make this trail guide edit and asked that CCC members review the guide and forward any additional edits before Tuesday, Dec. 14th.

4) Highway Cleanup Thank you Notes:

Melissa passed around Thank You notes for CCC members to sign. They will be sent to Campton residents Anita Lane, Ann Verow, Pat Barker, and Emily Kelly who all graciously participated in our first Adopt a Highway cleanup.

5) 2010 Budget:

The 2010 Budget was reviewed and it was noted that the budget provided was as of August 31st, and did not include NHACC Conference expenditures. Remaining year end expenditures will include 100 reprints of the BWNA Trail guide and some PCP parking area fencing. Jess will purchase 2 corner and 6 standard posts from The Lumber Outlet in Plymouth totaling approx. \$100. Melissa suggested that we plant some native bushes to delineate a parking area to which all thought we could do come springtime to complement the fencing.

The 2011 budget proposal was discussed next and all agreed to reduce the Conference/Education line item by \$50. This would shave 5% off next year's budget, totaling \$1075.00. Additionally, it was decided to roll the Postage, Public Notices, and Printing line item into the miscellaneous category. Melissa will input these changes to the existing budget spreadsheet in preparation for Ann Marie's annual request for budget proposals.

6) Annual Report for 2010:

Melissa pasted the entire 2010 years minutes to date into one document. Melissa and Jess will edit this document and pull out the highlights for the purpose of creating the 2010 Annual Report.

7) FYI:

a. PRLAC:

Jane reported that the preliminary results of the PRLAC Pemi River Corridor Survey have been released. Not surprisingly, there was a heavy emphasis on recreation related responses. Jane pointed out that there were obvious geographic differences in recreational uses of the river such as water skiing in the Franklin/Bristol area versus swimming/canoeing/kayaking further North. There were 167 responses from 12 towns, 14 of which were from Campton.

b. Ellsworth Hill Conservation Easement Update:

Jane reported that her last contact with Steve Hamburg was an e-mail communicating the CCC's decision to expend up to \$7,000 to cover the Stewardship fee for his conservation easement, and a request to receive a bill directly from the Forest Society. Steve responded with enthusiasm and thanks and said he would contact the Forest Society and be back in touch soon.

Mail was opened, reviewed and filed for the remainder of the meeting. Jane mentioned that she had a rather large wetland file at her home office that we should dedicate a future work session to organizing and re-filing into the CCC cabinet.

Meeting adjourned @ 8:05pm
Next Meeting: Wed., Jan 12th, 2011; 7pm

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy Wooster