

Campton Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
June 9, 2010; 7:30pm

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

Others Present: Nick Sceggell (Granite State Rural Water)

1.) May Minutes:

 Melissa made a motion to accept the May meeting minutes. Jules seconded the motion. All were in favor.

2.) Friends of the CCC Database:

 Jules sent Melissa a list of phone numbers to add to the Friends of the CC list, a continuing work in progress. Melissa will send around a link to Google Docs for others to edit.

3.) Land Management :

a) BWNA:

i. Contact with Days Inn:

- (i) Melissa had recently been to the Campton days Inn and noticed that there were homemade maps of the BWNA on display at the front desk. She had a conversation with the owner who seemed to be enthusiastic about promoting the area's natural attractions. Melissa offered to drop by some trail guides.

b.) PCP

(ii) Elm Tree Planting:

 Everyone present was in agreement of Melissa's idea for CCC members to make a collective personal donation toward the purchase of the Elm tree. The details of the project are still unclear and Melissa will follow up with Carol Lenehan to clarify specifics.

 Questions to ask include how the fundraising campaign will be advertised and who will maintain the tree. Melissa will also mention that the original corner planting site may have to be changed due to power lines, and that some protective measures may be needed to prevent snowmobile damage.

(iii) Potential forestry work day:

 Jess proposed that the CCC focus on three areas for progress this fall, specifically the driveway, trails, and signage. Jules reported that he spoke with Butch Bain again about driveway entrance site work. Butch said that the road crew had a vehicle out of commission and so were behind schedule. He told Jules to call him again as a reminder if he doesn't get to it within the next two weeks.

 Jess suggested that we start trail sighting and cutting work and asked Jane how she went about this process at the BWNA. Jane recalled tromping the forest and

identifying different interesting habitats, and then cutting trails that lead past these areas. Jess offered Ian's expertise in planning and thinning from a forest health perspective. A workday was set for June 28th 4 pm to begin trail work.

A PCP sign was discussed next, the consensus being to keep it simple and perhaps enlist the help of a sign maker. Jules thought that we could make posts from trees on site, and also offered up some rough sawn pine boards from his barn. We will agree on sign specifics at next months meeting. A kiosk will also eventually be built at the trail entrance once the trail network is in place.

4.) **Groundwater Reclassification efforts continued:**

Jess summarized the Groundwater Reclassification discussion had at a recent Select Board meeting. Select Board members were generally in support of the project and agreed to sign the application after reviewing the management plan that Nick Sceggell is finalizing. When asked who will be responsible for implementing the survey/inspection program, Board members agreed that the Code enforcement officer would be the likely choice.

Nick recently sent the first draft of the management plan to Ann Marie, who had concerns about whether all 15 inspections had to be completed the first year. Nick checked with Pierce Rigrod and assured Ann Marie this was not the case. Nick also said that Pierce requested that the plan be more procedurally defined, as it will be used as a model for the state. Nick will rework the plan to include schematics and a flow chart.

Jess asked whether Nick planned on writing a press release after submitting the application. Nick said that Pierce recommended we hold a Public Hearing in an effort to keep citizens informed. Nick explained that the state requires a list be generated of all residents living within the reclassification area. Following application submission, DES will send an informational letter to these residents, as well as hold their own public hearing.

All agreed that it would be redundant to hold two public hearings and that a press release would be more effective in informing residents since public hearing attendance is usually low.

Consensus was that we let the Select Board decide and Nick will follow up with Ann Marie asking her to poll the Board on this issue. Jess suggested that if a town held public hearing is preferred that we have it during one of the Select Board meetings.

Jules asked who will be responsible for adding new businesses to the list which led to the subject of Planning Board Involvement. Jane wondered if we should give the Planning Board an opportunity to weigh in at one of their work sessions before submitting the application to DES. All agreed that this would not be possible given time restraints for filing and the fact that the Select Board has already given project approval. Additionally, both Marsh Morgan and May are up to speed on the project and are likely to update other Planning Board members.

Nick explained he envisions the Town administrator as the official keeper of the PCS list. The Planning Board, as part of their review process will determine whether a business handles or stores a regulated substance and if it falls within the reclassification area. Subsequently, the Planning Board will inform The Town Administrator who will then add the business to the list.

Nick emphasized that the management plan will be flexible can be adjusted to meet the needs of the town.

Finally, Nick reported that he has been working on setting up a best management practices/inspection training session for business owners and town officials. The White Mountain National Forest Headquarters will serve as the location for the training. Jess asked Nick what help he needed from us and for a project timeline summary. Nick said he will send the final management plan around for review before requesting the Select Board to sign off at their June 21st. meeting. The goal is to submit the application to DES by July 1st to allow for the required 30 day review period. Nick was thanked for his work and left the meeting.

5) Ongoing:

- a. Mespelli wetland Permit:
The CCC has a copy of the original application and knowledge that DES has received it. No further action is required at this time.
- b. K. Rodgers driveway:
Jules reported that he recently checked the culverts and they are still plugged with sediment. This issue is now out of our hands since it has been formally addressed by the Planning Board.
- c. C. Smith bank erosion:
Tammy said there is nothing new to report since the last meeting. All agreed that the lack of response from DES is disappointing. Jane added that it would be wise of Corey to complete the appropriate paperwork and formally document the work he has done to date in the event that a problem arises in the future.
- d. Beebe River crossing:
Jules said that Butch has been unable to perform the requested erosion control work due to confusion as to whether the road is Class V or Class VI. The town attorney is working on this and in the meantime Jess will ask Dave Keel if he is willing to use his equipment to put a barrier in place to deter fording.
- e. Adopt a Highway:
No new word on the Campton signs, so Jess will look into this.

6.)FYI

- a. Coverts Meeting Briefing:
Melissa and Jules attended a recent coverts meeting/tour on a Lower Beech Hill Road property. The owners have done a nice job creating a trail network which is open to the public. Melissa passed around map copies. The owners were appreciative of CC member attendance and are interested in conservation. Melissa will add them to our Friends of the CCC database.

- b. Trail Planning & Assessment Workshop: Friday, 6/25, 1-4 pm: Newfield.**

Meeting adjourned 9:20 pm
Next Meeting July 14, 2010; 7:30pm