

Campton Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
January 13, 2010; 7pm

CCC Members Present: Melissa Greenawalt-Yelle, Jess Halm, Jane Kellogg, Jules Doner, Tammy Wooster
Others Present: Nick Sceggell from Granite State Rural Water, Bryon Middlekauff

1. **December Minutes:**

Jess made a motion to approve the December minutes. Jane seconded the motion. All were in favor.

2. **Interested Volunteer:**

Jess introduced Campton resident Bryon Middlekauff who has expressed an interest in joining the Commission. Bryon is a professor of Geography and Environmental Science & Policy at PSU. CC members introduced themselves and thanked Bryon for his interest.

3. **Groundwater Reclassification efforts, continued:**

Nick Sceggell summarized the groundwater project progress to date. He said that he had met with May Brosseau and Ron Reynolds to discuss the GIS component of the project. May and Ron were enthusiastic about sharing data and all of the GIS groundwork is in place to move forward. Nick said that creating a map with all of the PCS's will be easy and will serve to help in selecting sites for yearly inspections. Nick envisions creating a new PCS field within the existing database, using color codes to denote inspection dates.

Nick shared the latest PCS list with the CCC which had recently been updated via a windshield survey on January 8th. The purpose of the windshield survey is to verify existing potential PCS sites and to add any that are missing from the list. Jane and Melissa joined Nick to accomplish the survey and were able to cover most of the town. Nick said that Route 49, Beebe River, and Ace of Space storage facility were the outstanding areas to cover.

A conversation was had about what exactly is known about the Beebe River site, and whether it would be worthwhile to contact the Historical Society for information. It was noted that it is likely there are more sites in town whose historic uses may have groundwater impact implications. Since the focus of reclassification is to monitor current PCS uses, it was decided not to delve into the history of sites, but rather to compile a list of these places for future reference or as a secondary project. Nick offered to document these sites.

January 22nd from 11am to 1pm was set as the date to complete the windshield survey.

Bryon Middlekauff asked about the CC's GIS expertise and resources. He then offered PSU's GIS labs and printers to help with our project.

The last Groundwater related work discussed was a letter to the Chamber of Commerce. Nick had drafted a letter and posted it on a Google Docs site for CCC member review and editing. After all had weighed in, Nick gave the letter to May in hopes that the town would provide letterhead to print on. Nick asked what the protocol was for signing a CCC letter and whether the signatures of all members were needed. Jane said simply "Campton Conservation

Commission” would suffice, but that that the letter should have CVP representation as well, to which all agreed. Nick will email the letter to Jess, who will then ask Gary to review and sign off on the letter on behalf of the CVP.

Jane reminded all that the letter should go out soon in order to adhere to our target date of Mid February to complete the follow up phone call initiative to all PCS's.

Nick said it is likely that our current list of 34 PCS's will be reduced by a third since many will not have >5 gallons of regulated substances on site.

Nick said he would post the PCS list on Google Docs for CC members to complete missing operator names, addresses and phone numbers. He will also draft and post a new letter to be sent to PCS's in advance of the phone calling. Finally, he will post a key to local PCS inventory with codes. Our goal will be to finalize all documents by our next meeting at which time we will begin a communications strategy and delegate phone calling responsibilities.

4. Town Protocol on Fundraising:

Melissa reported that she asked Hannah about whether we could raise money for the CCC through card sales. Initially, after consulting the Town Auditor, Hannah thought that the money would have to go into the General Fund. After looking over the statutes, Melissa followed up with Hannah who then recommended that we ask the Select Board for permission to establish a separate account to receive funds from card sales or gifts. These monies would still have to go through the Town Treasurer, and we could then vote to allocate these funds for specific conservation projects, in effect to offset our regular budget. Melissa also learned that if CCC gifts/monies earned totaled >\$50/day, a daily deposit would have to be made. Less than that would require a weekly deposit. All agreed that we needed to clarify/confirm this new information and that we should proceed slowly with the card project considering the upcoming Town meeting preparation.

5. Town Meeting Prep:

Jess reported that she received a message from Ann Marie notifying the CC that the Annual Report is due on Feb 5th. Jess and Melissa will draft the report and send it around for review, perhaps on Google Docs.

6. FYI:

a. Ellsworth Hill Conservation Inquiry Update:

Jess said that she is continuing to contact the Ellsworth Hill resident interested in pursuing a conservation easement. Her message is that the CCC stands ready to assist in any way. There has been no response to date.

b. Dredge and Fill/CSPA application follow-up:

Jane reported that she drafted a letter to DES saying that the CCC had reviewed a Wetland Permit application and application for a Shoreland permit. The permit application reviewed was a copy sent to Ann Marie because the town owns abutting property. The letter stated that it appears the landowner is proposing work in compliance with CSPA and wetland regulations. Jane asked whether a copy of the CCC letter should also be sent to the

landowner, to which all agreed. Jane added that since the proposed site is within the 250' CSPA riparian area, DES will notify PRLAC of the application. The CSPA application is the first one filed in Campton under the new regulations.

c. Planning Board/PRLAC :

Jane reported that PRLAC did not meet in December. Planning Board news included discussion of a proposed yurt along the Mad River. It was thought that since the yurt is a temporary structure that CSPA regulations do not apply. Jane learned that this is not the case and a Shoreland permit is being applied for. A composting toilet is proposed for the yurt. The Planning Board recognizes that there is nothing in current town regulation that addresses this issue, and May will be checking with the state for suggested language. After CCC mail was opened during our meeting, it was learned that the town copy of the CSPA permit application relative to the above mentioned yurt was not received. Jane will follow up on this.

Lastly, Jane and Melissa reported that they had visited a new wetland permit applicant's site today. The owner proposed increasing a culvert's size since the site is in a floodplain. Jane and Melissa questioned exactly where the 10 year floodplain began since it was unclear on the map. A phone call to the surveyor and the site visit resolved the question.

As an aside, Melissa shared a thought she had after noticing snowmobile activity on the PCP field. She suggested we post a sign where the forested part of the PCP begins as a reminder that snowmobiling is prohibited in the State Forest. All thought it was a good idea.

Meeting adjourned @ 9pm
Next Meeting February 10, 2010; 7pm