

## Campton Conservation Commission Minutes

July 9, 2008

Commissioners present: Jess Halm, Melissa Greenawalt-Yelle, Jane Kellogg, Tammy Wooster

1. **Task Delegation:** Everyone agreed that since so many projects are in the works, it would be more productive to create sub-committees. We will attempt to assign 2-3 people to each task at our meetings.
2. **CSPA Workshop update:** Tammy reported that she had connected with the DES Shoreland Protection contact and he agreed to lead a workshop with a practice scenario/field component. He requested that we commit a minimum of 20 participants and secure a meeting space. He was particularly interested in including the Woodstock area, since outreach efforts have been minimal for this area and there are several new water bodies under protection. Tammy spoke with Geoff Wilson from the Woodstock CC and he suggested that we use Hubbard Brook as a meeting place since there is a large conference room. Also, Mirror Lake is within walking distance and could serve as the field site. Tammy relayed this info to DES with an August wed. evening as a potential date. She has yet to hear back from DES but will generate an invitational e-mail to surrounding towns CC's and planning boards as soon as a date is confirmed.
3. **GIS training update:**
  - a. Michelle Therrien from Meredith: Melissa will ask Michelle if she is still interested in sharing her GIS expertise/experience.
  - b. NH Audubon: Jess spoke with Vanessa Jones, a NH Audubon field tech under Carol Foss. Her focus has been on natural resource inventory work using GIS most recently in the town of Bristol. She has assisted other NH towns in getting to the point where we are now. Jane will ask the planning Board if they would be willing to devote their Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup> work session to the subject of GIS work. This session will potentially be a joint meeting with Michelle T. and NH Audubon with the focus being "GIS..where do we go from here?" Our hope is to get some feedback from these two GIS professionals and a better understanding of how we can better use GIS as a tool for our town. In the meantime, Jess will send a hard copy and a CD of Campton's GIS data to Vanessa Jones for review and Melissa will send the same to Michelle Therrien.
4. **Pertinent applications in town:**
  - a. Terrain alteration application: The commission received a copy of a terrain alteration application by Pike Industries put forth on Greg Jencks property on Bog Rd. DES contact Craig Renney said that DES will take action on 8/11 and that technical comments may be submitted later than the stated deadline. Curiously, there were no drawings attached for review, and so May Brousseau called Brian Donovan of Pike

Industries to request a copy of them. Jess will ask May to let us know if/when something comes in from Brian

Donovan. The commission will take no action until then. We do, however, have concerns of potential groundwater impacts and an interest in whether there is a reclamation plan.

**b. Bishop wetland permit re-application:** This permit is relative to culvert work/replacement, and the commission has no comments at this time.

5. **Eastern Corners off-roading activity:** This update/discussion was incomplete due to the absence of Lisa Doner who has had the most involvement to date. We do know that DES recommended moving boulders to block access and posting signs as a deterrent. The same questions remain unanswered regarding ownership of property and bridges. Melissa will check the tax maps and take some photos, and Jess will talk to Butch Bain to get some answers until Lisa returns from Turkey.
6. **Website updates/changes:** The work session at the library was cancelled due to a scheduling conflict. Jess and Melissa will meet at Melissa's house on July 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10am for a work session.
7. **Ace of Space/groundwater protection:** Melissa searched the web and found lots of info. pertaining to household hazardous waste storage/disposal. Apparently some towns have explicit restrictions as to what can and cannot be stored. The question arose as to whether Ace of Space owner Dick Hanaway had connected with Gary Benedix for a tour of the water district. This could be a great opportunity to ask if Dick has any storage policies in place. It was agreed that we should be the facilitator on this issue and try to get some of the info Melissa printed from the web into Gary's hands. Subsequently, Jane reported that she had an informal discussion with Gary Benedix about developing a groundwater protection ordinance. She asked if someone from the CC could attend one of the CVP meetings to gauge interest. Gary agreed and so Jess and Tammy will go to the next meeting scheduled for July 16<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.
8. **FYI Items:**
  - a. Wind turbine ordinance language: Jane attended this PB work session and shared with us a copy of a working draft of the language. The most notable point discussed was that the term "wind turbine" was replaced with "wind energy conversion system", since a turbine refers only to the blade. Work will continue on this language at the next PB meeting and an August 12<sup>th</sup> hearing is scheduled for public input.
  - b. PRLAC update: No June meeting was held. Jane reported that Campton resident Corey Smith is now an active member of PRLAC.

- c. CHS event: On July 26<sup>th</sup> there will be a tour of the Colonel Spencer Inn at 10:30 am, followed by a potluck picnic lunch (11:30) at Leah Gray's house. Melissa will then lead a tour of the BWNA.
- d. BWNA trail guides: Melissa dropped off copies of the guide to local B&B's along with a letter highlighting the BWNA's appeal and encouraging new visitors.
- e. CVP Groundwater Protection: See discussion under item 7 above.

**Meeting adjourned 9:20 pm**

**Next meeting Wed Aug. 13<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 pm**