

## Campton Conservation Commission Minutes

May 14, 2008; 7:30 pm

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

### 1. BWNA

- a. Vandalism issues: Someone vandalized a white pine tree behind the main sign in the parking area. It was cut by an axe a few feet off the ground and left hung up in place. Jane will notify the police and all neighbors adjacent to the BWNA in an effort to increase awareness/vigilance. Ian will chainsaw the hung up tree on the upcoming work day.
- b. Sign installation/work day: May 25<sup>th</sup> was set to complete sign project and other cleanup tasks. Reed Harrigan has offered to dig all of the post holes before our work day. Jules will pre-drill the posts and the sign drilling will be done on site. Jane will get the map/sign list to Jules. Some work will also be done at Leah's house that day, including leaf removal from her gutters. Jess will contact Joelle Freeman from the Record Enterprise to request that our work day be mentioned in the "Talk of the Towns" piece.
- c. Outreach: We will all be thinking of ways to bring in some outside programs/contacts to complement our existing outreach efforts. Discussion of how to increase use/visibility of the BWNA included sending loaner copies of the trail guide to area lodging facilities.

### 2. CSPA (Comprehensive Shoreline Protection Act) practice session:

Jane reported that the idea of a practice session was well received by the Planning Board. We all agreed that it would be most effective for someone with detailed knowledge of the legislation to coordinate this idea. Tammy will contact the DES CSPA outreach person as a starting point.

### 3. Vernal pool documentation:

Jane and Tammy attended a vernal pool workshop at the Squam Lake Science Center. Jane, Jess and Peggy Martin identified 3 vernal pools in town that Peggy knew about. Jane was able to GPS the sites as well as document some of the characteristics. We have future hopes of identifying/documenting more vernal pools in town.

### 4. NRI work-keeping it current:

A discussion of how nothing is being done with the GIS database generated by Stephanie Elson was had. The town had at one point committed funds for this project but it now seems to be stagnating. It would be useful to add a vernal pool layer to the database in the future, and it was recognized by all that this would take considerable time and effort. Jess will research potential ways of bringing in outside resources such as NH Audubon. Jess also mentioned that REU (Research experience for undergrads) students at Hubbard Brook may also be interested.

### 5. FYI items:

- a. Patrick Miller land conservation: The meeting between Patrick and Pemi- Baker Land Trust representatives was postponed until May 26<sup>th</sup>.
- b. Easel pricing: Ron Reynolds has kindly donated a no longer needed easel from his shop.
- c. Protected River signage: The funding for the signs was settled on, with the town and the CC each paying ¼ of the cost and DES paying the remaining half. The appropriate paperwork has been filed with DES and the Road Agent will install the signs when they arrive.
- d. Ace of Space-salt dumping: Nothing new to report to date
- e. Holderness /wind farm issue: Holderness will vote on an article to see if the town wants to impose wind turbine limitations such as decibel level, height restrictions, etc.
- f. PB/PRLAC update: Jane reported that there were two areas of proposed development/subdivision in town that were contentious due to the steep nature of the properties. Neighbors of these properties were particularly concerned with water runoff issues. Jane also reported that there will be a 5/29 ZBA mtg. regarding a variance requested by an Ellsworth resident to install a 35' wind turbine which would exceed the town's 35' height restriction. The PRLAC had no April mtg.-nothing to report.
- g. Bioblitz- June 6-7. We are still waiting for logistics on this event.
- h. CCC Website- Any additions can be forwarded to Melissa.
- i. Other workshops/events: Jules' invited anyone interested to join his church group which will be visiting Squam Lake loon nesting sites on 5/24.

Meeting adjourned 9:16 pm. Next meeting June 11<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 pm.