

CAMPTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Minutes of the meeting: July 13, 2005
7:30 PM Campton Town Office

Attended by: Jane Kellogg, Chair
Jim Blake, Melissa Greenewalt-Yelle, Commissioners
Stephanie Elson, Brown U. student, GIS mapping project

FYI Items

~ BWNA: J. Blake, M. Greenewalt-Yelle, and J. Kellogg report recently installing the bench purchased by the moose plate grant. The final report has been filed, and final reimbursements are expected in a few weeks.

~ Melissa reported some recent readings in a book she purchased. She will circulate it among members later.

~ Melissa also reported having been accepted to attend the Coverts' Cooperators workshop in September. Each year 25 people are accepted and all expenses for the workshops, housing and meals at Sargeant Camp are paid for by sponsors. She will be the second Campton resident to apply and attend the workshops.

GIS mapping project:

Stephanie Elson reported recently finding more interesting data for her project from the Natural Heritage Bureau with new data coming out in October on natural habitats; and NH Department of Environmental Services data on groundwater hazards, point and non-point pollution sources, underground storage tank facilities, etc. Stephanie had requested input on scenic vistas within the town for the mapping project. Members gave their ideas and were asked for more submitted later. Other aspects of the project that were discussed were: future small groups of interested community members to verify data layer information and add additional information; and how this will help the commission with conservation planning for the town.

Potential Conservation/natural resource protection project: Ellsworth Hill:

Jane reported receiving a call from a resident on Ellsworth Hill who has developed some conservation ideas after discovering high quality natural resources on his property. He has requested informal discussion with the commission to introduce his ideas. A visit to the property in the coming week will be scheduled.

Other:

Discussion around ecology topics lead to Jim suggesting the idea of whether the commission could write some sort of handout designed for new residents to help them understand some good practices for living in rural neighborhoods. There was discussion about how these could be distributed. The idea was seen as a positive idea for further consideration.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, August 10 at 7:30 at the Town Office.