

## Campton Conservation Commission Minutes

December 14, 2005

7:30 pm, Campton Town Office

**Members Present:** Jim Blake, Melissa Greenawalt-Yelle, Jessica Halm, and Jane Kellogg

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm.

### **FYI Items:**

- The Planning Board has learned that the proposed zoning changes regarding specifications for retail stores can be considered site plan review regulations, so a town vote is not necessary to make the changes. There will be a public hearing regarding this matter on Tuesday, January 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm at the Historical Society Building on Rte. 175.
- Melissa shared a document titled "Growing Greener", which outlines several options for designing developments that help to preserve the rural landscape. There was discussion about bringing it to developers as possible alternatives to standard subdivision plans.
- Melissa also informed the CCC members of PSU's University Environmental Committee's Alternative Energy Forums, the first of which was a well-attended roundtable discussion with local experts on alternative energy: Peter Adams, Patrick Miller, Josh Traught, and Ted Vansant. There will be 3 more forums scheduled this spring, focusing on transportation issues, local food production, and environmental planning.
- Sandy Larsen of the WVCC has arranged for Sandra Crystal of DES to present to WV's planning board about wetland issues, and Campton and Thornton's PB and CC members have also been invited to attend. This presentation will take place in WV on January 12 or 13<sup>th</sup>, during the day.
- Dijit Taylor of the Center for Land Conservation Assistance will be coming to our next meeting (January 18<sup>th</sup>) to help begin the process of considering holding our own Conservation Easements for the Town of Campton. Campton Selectmen and Thornton CC members will be invited to attend.

**Finalize 2006 Budget Request:** Jim Blake made a motion to request a budget of \$875 from the town selectmen for 2006, including \$200 for NHACC dues, \$250 for education, \$100 for postage and supplies, \$200 for BWNA management (specifically parking lot maintenance costs), \$25 for misc. expenses, and \$100 for printing costs. Jessica Halm seconded the motion, and it was passed unanimously. The proposed budget will be presented at the next Selectmen's meeting on December 19<sup>th</sup> at 8:30pm.

**Conservation Fund Guidelines Draft:** Along with the budget proposal, Jane will present the draft of the Conservation Fund guidelines to the Selectmen. The CCC spent a few minutes finalizing this draft, based on comments made by Dijit Taylor.

**Organization of CCC member duties:** Dividing CCC member duties by interest was discussed, so that each member would serve as the local expert on certain issues that fall under the list of CCC responsibilities. Possible topics include education, easement prospecting and maintenance, fundraising (Melissa), Planning Board liaison (Jane), wetland permitting, etc. Jane encouraged members to think about what pieces of what the CCC does they would feel most comfortable heading up. We will continue this discussion at future meetings.

**Discussion of potential new members:** As the CCC has room for another 2 members to serve on the Commission, possible candidates to fill these positions were discussed. Names mentioned included Ann Knowles, Reed Harrigain, Ted Hammond, Patrick Miller, Phil Browne, Chris Dunstan, and Robbin Adams.

**Snowshoe Walks at BWNA:** Jess and Melissa will lead 2 snowshoe walks at BWNA on January 28<sup>th</sup> and February 11<sup>th</sup>. They will notify Nancy Byerly, Chris Bolan, and others in order to spread the word.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm.

The next meeting will be on **Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup>** (note change to 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday).

