

Campton Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
January 9, 2013;7:00 pm

1) Approval of Dec. Minutes:

Jane made a motion to approve the December meeting minutes. Lea seconded the motion and all were in favor with the exception of Tammy who abstained because she was not present at the Dec. meeting.

2) Budget Review:

The group quickly reviewed the 2012 year end budget figures one last time. At last check there was a balance of \$590 which will go back to the town. Jane noted that this figure does not include a \$51 expenditure for the recent lamination of the habitat map. Jess is waiting to hear back from Ann Marie for a confirmation of what has been spent to date. Jules had looked into a potential year-end purchase of a filing cabinet but the state surplus warehouse did not have one in the right size.

Jules, Alisoun and Tammy will present the proposed 2013 budget to the Select Board on Monday, January 14, at 7pm. The proposed budget figure will be the same as 2012 which is \$1,085.00. The group agreed that it would be efficient for someone to take the role of actively tracking expenditures of both the operating budget and the Conservation Fund. Alisoun offered to take on this responsibility.

3) Bog Walk Plans:

Planning is underway for our frozen bog walk at Bog Pond which will be on Saturday January 19. An RSVP is requested either by e-mail to our new address conservation@camptonnh.org, or by calling Lea or Jess. Tammy requested clarification of the new constant contact and e-mail accounts Beverly Chappell recently set up for us. Jess explained that the two are not linked, but rather are administered separately, and we have to provide Beverly with a list of contacts for notification of CC happenings. Jane suggested we build this list together at a future work session. Tammy reported that there were no RSVP's received via e-mail for the Bog Walk to date but she will keep checking.

A list of things to bring to the walk was discussed and responsibilities were assigned. Lea will bring a sign-up sheet, tracking cards, the habitat map with pushpins, and some books to share. She will also purchase some cookies, cups and hot chocolate. Everyone will bring extra snowshoes, and hot water. Jess will ask Mad River Coffee if we can borrow a carafe with the purchase of coffee for the group. Tammy offered to take photos and will borrow Jules' camera. Jane shared that at a recent Speaking for Wildlife workshop she learned it is best to take a group photo before venturing out while everyone is together. Ice safety was discussed and it was agreed that there should be no hazards by the end of the month but we will bring some safety gear just in case.

Lea outlined the plan for the day which will begin with a group introduction and an explanation of the CC's mission. Alisoun asked what the goal of the walk was and all agreed that the purpose of the event is to get people outside together in the winter enjoying and learning about the this special bog habitat type we have in Campton. Lea added that what we see and find will determine where the conversation leads. After the walk we will share refreshments and look at the habitat map and books. Jess said she will bring a couple of relevant children's books to share with any younger participants. If the event is well attended we will follow up with a press release and photos. Lea offered to write the press release. Jules asked what the plan is in the event of bad weather and all agreed that we would have to cancel, reschedule, and re-advertise.

Before the Bog Walk, there will be a preliminary walk with the CCC and Grafton County Forester Dave Falkenham on January 18th at 9 am. Dave will provide a Speaking for Wildlife kit which has materials we can share with walk participants. A general route will be determined and key talking points will be covered.

4) Shoreland Application:

The group reviewed materials received as part of a Shoreland Application submitted by Corey Smith. The permit is requested for the Old Schoolhouse property along Rt 3 which Corey recently purchased. The plan is to maintain a gift shop and seasonal ice cream business. A lot line adjustment between the schoolhouse and Corey's residence has been approved and a septic permit application has been filed with the state. PRLAC Chair Max Stamp e-mailed Jane offering to accompany the CC on a site visit. Jane will contact Max to see if January 22nd will work as a site visit date. Jules and Lea plan to go as well.

5) **2012 Annual Report:**

Tammy will create a draft for the CCC section of the 2012 annual town report based on the years minutes and past reports. Jane suggested that it be posted on Dropbox for the CC to review/edit and all agreed to experiment with this tool. Jane will send the 2011 annual report file to Tammy to use as a template. The report needs to be complete and submitted to Ann Marie by Feb 1st.

6) **FYI:**

Jane mentioned that Patrick Miller had to cancel the January 10th date we had scheduled to walk his property. Jane will tell Patrick to let us know when he is ready to reschedule. Jess said that we should still be seeking new CC members and asked if anyone had any ideas. Jules added that this was a good time to let us know that he is ready to step down as a CC member but he will be available to assist us with some tasks. February will be Jules' last official meeting. All regretfully accepted this news.

Meeting adjourned: 8:56 pm

Next meeting February 13th, 7pm (Jess will chair)