

Campton Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
December 10, 2014; 7pm

Members Present: Shannon Garnsey, Jess Halm, Alisoun Hodges, Jane Kellogg, Rebecca Steeves

Jess served as chair and called the meeting to order at 7:08pm. Alisoun moved to approve the November meeting minutes. Shannon seconded the motion and all were in favor.

1) Updates/Reports:

a. PCP Liberty Tree:

Jane reported that she had received an estimate from Carol Lenehan for the tree work by arborist Pat Collins/The Family Tree Care Service. A signature was needed from the CCC and the Garden Club before he would begin the work. Jane showed a copy of the estimate of \$325 total. The CCC share (approved at the November meeting) of 50% is \$162.50. This will be submitted for payment.

b. Livermore Falls:

Jane and Alisoun had attended the 11/20 meeting which included DRED Director Bryce and representation from other state agencies related to the project. Environmental and Historical committees had given reports. Plans for improved parking on the Holderness side were presented and discussed. Public hearings were discussed as important to keep folks informed and involved. Jane and Alisoun reported that earlier Jim Aguiar had been communicating with the Campton Select Board about progress at Livermore Falls, but he had not been able to continue of late. So Jane and Alisoun reported they sent communication to the Campton Select Board about recent developments and progress and offered to attend a meeting to discuss further.

Jane reported about the Environmental Committee which had a second meeting and decided to change Spring Bioblitz plans to one of various groups working on gathering lists of flora and fauna, etc at various times of year. Information would be culminated, and shown on the Livermore Falls website and through other methods like brochures and signage at the site.

Alisoun reported about the Historical Committee. Tink Taylor had presented various historical information he has gathered from a variety of sources. PHS teacher, Ina Ahern had stepped forward to offer working with students on a picture story of Livermore Falls. Alisoun reported that there is still discussion and research about ownership of the Pumpkinseed Bridge. If ownership goes with ownership of the property on the ends of the bridge, then the state would own the west side, and the homeowners association would own the east side. More research and ideas for solutions are on-going.

c. Legislative Information Session “The Face of Conservation”

Jess reported about further conversations with Rumney CC and PBLT member, Janice Mulherin about having a regional gathering of state legislators for some sort of presentation and Q&A. This might possibly be on a Saturday morning in February, with breakfast. All were enthusiastic about the opportunity.

d. “Conservation Matters” 2015 schedule

Jess reported getting 2 new groups interested in participating in writing articles for “Conservation Matters” in the Record Enterprise: The Newfound Lake Region Association and the Alexandria CC. They will be added to the schedule. PRLAC has dropped out for now. There are currently 7 groups on the schedule which Jess will send around to everyone soon. Former CCC member, Lea Stewart, recently wrote an article for submission about winter animal tracking and our planned outing on Feb 1 on Bog Pond.

2) Winter tracking Event: Feb 2, 2-4 PM

There was discussion about various ways to get the word out about the planned winter animal tracking event at Bog Pond. In January, Jess will contact the Record Enterprise to get notice in the Events Calendar and under The Talk of the Town. Shannon will contact the Chamber of Commerce. Jane will renew the flier used in past years, and have copies ready at the January meeting for members to post or distribute around town. Otherwise, cookies and hot drinks can be arranged for in January.

3) 2015 Budget Review:

The 2014 CCC general budget numbers were reviewed again and no changes for the 2015 proposal were thought necessary, except for increased dues figures for NHACC and a new line for anticipated NRI expenses for mapping and printing. We are fortunate to have Ron Reynolds helping with maps for the document and requesting minimal compensation. Other towns hire for such services at \$ 55/hr. Some printing may be able to be done at the town office, but color copies for maps would need to be done elsewhere. Other costs would be for digital CD copies. Various amounts between \$250 and \$600 were discussed with reasons for them given. Rebecca moved we budget \$500, seconded by Shannon. Jane will get the proposed budget numbers to Ann Marie and set up a meeting time to review with the Select Board.

4) Annual Report:

In the past few years, Tammy has written the annual report for the Town Report, based on her meeting minutes. Since she was not at the meeting, there was discussion about whether she'd

want to do it again, or would welcome a break. Jane volunteered, if Tammy wants to not draft a report this year. Jane said she would check in with Tammy about this.

5) **Other:**

The NHACC survey received last month was discussed, filled out and made ready for mailing..

Mail opened included 2 Wetlands Permit notifications. One for Webster Land Corp. A second for David Tobine.

6) **NRI work session:**

The remainder of the time was spent on continuing work on the NRI. The last work session had been on 12/8 when digital map work done so far by Ron Reynolds had been reviewed and discussed.

Meeting adjourned: 8:50pm

Next Meeting: Jan 14, 2015 @ 7 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Kellogg