

Campton Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
March 4, 2015; 7:00pm

Members present: Jess Halm, Alisoun Hodges, Jane Kellogg, Tammy Wooster

The meeting was called to order at 7:09 pm, and Jane served as chair. Alisoun made a motion to accept the February meeting minutes. Jess seconded the motion and all were in favor.

1) Review of 2014 LUCT Fund

A discrepancy in the LUCT Fund figure reported for 2014 was brought to our attention after Jane attended the February 11th Budget Hearing. An amount of \$7,054.00 was listed on a hearing handout as the LUCT Fund figure collected in 2014. This would be the town's 50% of the total collected. This did not match the \$955.00 figure deposited into the Conservation Fund recently provided to us by Mary Durgin, and reported in the CCC's 2014 Annual Report. After inquiring further, it was learned that a transfer of \$6,065.00 was made to the Conservation Fund on February 23, 2015, after the Tax Collector found additional taxes collected. All agreed that this discrepancy should be clearly documented in next year's annual report.

2) Report on Beebe River Tract activity:

Jane passed around a brochure and map of the Beebe River Tract which was provided by Nancy Bell of the Conservation Fund. The handout and map also exist in poster format, which Nancy will loan to us for display at town voting and meeting. Jane learned from Nancy that planning has begun for a series of forester led field trips to the tract beginning in April or May. If more details are learned before town meeting, we will print something up as an additional hand out at our display table.

3) Updates: ongoing projects:

a. Livermore Falls:

Alisoun and Jane attended the February 12th Livermore Falls meeting and Alisoun read aloud highlights of the meeting from a copy of the minutes she brought. A draft of the Historic Committee report was due to be out at the end of February, with the final report delayed until the end of April when the snow is gone. The Communications Committee is preparing a press release announcing a series of events to be held at the falls. The Holderness side parking area redesign has been completed but abutting residents are still unhappy with the plan. Patrick Hummel is drafting a memorandum of understanding between the state and the Friends of Livermore Falls group. Director Bryce is not counting on the Groton wind farm settlement for funding. Jane added that her impression was that the settlement funds weren't being ruled out,

rather they are just not being figured in budget planning. The Resource Consultant report is also expected soon, and a final RFP for an engineering study at the mill site will be issued at the end of May. The next meeting is scheduled for April 2nd, and Alisoun will try to attend. Jane closed by saying there was discussion of posting volunteer greeters on the Campton side of the falls this summer to inform visitors of future plans for the site and encourage recreational use of the Holderness side.

b. Conservation Matters Column:

Jess reported that the February Conservation Matters column did not get submitted despite several reminders of the deadline to the Rumney folks. Jess said that to prevent this from happening in the future she will have a backup article ready. Steve Whitman of the Alexandria CC has already submitted the March column and has lots more to share

c. Northern Pass:

Tammy reported that she learned of a new Northern Pass documentary created by NH based photographer, filmmaker and author Jerry Monkman. "The Power of Place" explores the places, issues and people affected by the proposed project, and there will be a showing in Concord on March 11th. Tammy said she learned she could purchase a copy of the film and we could host our own showing. Jane added a Historical society collaboration might work well for a showing.

d. CCC Notebook Review:

Jane passed around a draft of the monthly meeting schedule she created for the CCC notebook to be used for planning. The group made some additions and Jane will circulate the edited version via email.

5) NRI:

A work session was held on February 16, where progress was made in formatting the NRI outline. It was decided to use Google Docs going forward, and Rebecca posted the latest version for all to work on. Jane has since spent some time renumbering the different sections to conform to our original outline. Jess said that Ron Reynolds compiled the list of water bodies in Campton, and Jane said he also continues to refine some of the mapping details such as color. Tammy shared the 2012 DES state list of impaired waters, three of which are in Campton. All agreed that this info should be included in the NRI. Jess sent an email around with a list of possible dates for our next work session. All will bring laptops to the next work session to edit the document as a group.

6) Saving Special Places Workshop:

Jane passed around the postcard announcement of the 2015 Saving Special Places conference to be held April 11th in Weare NH. There are two climate focused workshops this year, and the keynote speaker is Cameron Wake, a Research Associate Professor at the Institute for the Study of Earth, Oceans and Space at UNH. Jane will send an email around as a reminder for those who are interested in attending to register online.

7) Other Business:

Jane suggested that we be thinking of sending a spring newsletter to our Friends of the CCC list. Potential newsletter topics to cover will include Beebe River Tract field trip info, a Livermore Falls update, Nature Nights schedule, and roadside cleanup date.

Jane said that she emailed John Whitney of the Village Precinct to ask how the precinct's wetland project is being funded but received no response.

Jess said there will be information forthcoming about a fragmented lands workshop to be hosted by the education folks at Hubbard Brook.

Meeting adjourned: 8:35pm

Next meeting: April 8th, 7pm

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy Wooster