

**Campton Conservation Commission**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, November 11, 2015; 7:00pm**

**Members Present: Jess Halm, Alisoun Hodges, Jane Kellogg, David Peeler, Rebecca Steeves**

1) R. Steeves called the meeting to order at 7:05 and asked for a moment of silence and thanks to Veterans.

2) October minutes as amended: moved by D. Peeler and seconded by J. Halm. All approved.

3)FY 2016 prep:

a. Budget: Jess presented 2016 budget numbers considered at the October meeting. FY 2015 numbers were reviewed. There was discussion about the \$500 budgeted for the NRI work on mapping and for printing. It is anticipated that Ron Reynolds will be submitting a request for payment for GIS mapping he is doing for the NRI. After that payment, there was discussion about the possibility of either encumbering any remaining into the next year since printing may not be ready, or turning a portion of it back to the town and budgeting for document printing costs on FY 2016.

b. Annual Report: Jane agreed to work on the 2015 annual report and will circulate a draft before the December meeting for review. Final draft will be needed in January.

c. Monthly meeting change: at earlier meetings, it had been discussed that in the new year we wanted to move our monthly meetings from the second Wednesday of the month to the first. So in January, our first meeting will be Jan 6. The website, town calendar of meetings scheduled, and notices will need to reflect this.

4) Land Management

a) Road clean-up: debrief. On Sunday, Nov 8, CCC members and friends had done the fall litter pick-up on our designated section of roads in town. For the most part, it was noted there seemed to be somewhat less litter collected than on previous occasions.

b) BWNA: closing the parking lot for winter: Jess thinks she has the signs and cables and will organize their installation once conditions warrant.

5) Friends of Livermore Falls update: Alisoun

Alisoun gave a report of the latest meeting on Nov. 4 at which a number of The Friends group of volunteers as well as several state agency representatives were in attendance. She was enthusiastic to report of increasing discussion and planning for improvements on the Campton (west) side of the falls. The state appears to be ready to use the completed Cultural Landscape and Environmental and Engineering studies to plan for improvements to parking, safety, and recreational and visitor use of the old mill site. Alisoun gave several suggestions to increase public awareness of the valuable community resource. Discussion followed about the growing interest of the state in the west side of the falls and ideas were generated about bringing more of Campton's officials and residents interested in town history in on this important opportunity.

6) Northern Pass: Jess reported that Tammy was recommending not submitting a response to the EIS since it is in draft form at present. A final draft is expected soon, at which time we would submit a response under the timeframe.

7) Frozen Bog Walk: 4th annual scheduled for Sun, Jan 31 from 2-4 PM.

Lea Stewart is on board to lead the walk, helping participants look for animal tracks and signs. More planning later for CCC involvement, refreshments, and outreach.

8) Website update:

Leona Minicunni continues her work which is mainly done. Jess suggested including the "Conservation Matters" articles on the website. She will send them to Leona along with other things she still needs. We expect to receive a bill from her for her work by the end of the year.

9) NRI revision update-progress and next work session.

Jess, Rebecca, Tammy and Shannon had worked on the NRI at a couple of work sessions in the past weeks. The current versions are visible on Google Docs for members. Jane reported having just added a few questions/comments to the draft and made changes to the outline based on the current draft. The next work session will be Sunday, 11/22 from 8-11 AM. Ron Reynolds will be invited so his maps can be reviewed and inserted within the document.

10) Funding opportunity for community/school-based climate change outreach (NEEEA, Audrey Eisenhsuer).

Jess reported having attended a 2 day workshop of the New England Environmental Educators Association and discussions with Audrey Eisenhauer (formerly of the Rey Center, now with The Squam Lakes Natural Science Center). Audrey had ideas for use of grant money available for some sort of educational and community outreach project to mitigate climate changes leading to greater frequency of large rain events. Ideas were discussed and weighed. Jess will follow up with inviting Audrey to our next meeting and will have informal discussions with potential interested parties.

11) Incoming mail:

Shoreland Permit Application-The Northern Pass Project had been received from Normandeau Associates/Environmental Consultants. Members reviewed the various documents, maps, photos, etc. The route in the application is proposed to be underground in Campton, following Route 3. There would be no river crossings in Campton. The permit lists 328,979 sq. ft. of impact within the 250' river reference line. 100% of the disturbance would be to the impervious roadway. It was noted that page 31 of the application had errors ("Route 112" should be "Route 3") in the captions accompanying the photos. Jane will contact Normandeau with this observation.

12) AOB

Alisoun brought a notice in the paper asking for interested Campton residents to be involved in the town's 250 celebration next summer. She suggested CCC involvement. Ideas were discussed. Jess will follow up.

The next meeting will be December 9 @ 7 PM. There was a suggestion to invite, Carina Park the new town administrator, to come to meet the commission members at the beginning of the meeting. Shannon will chair and make the invitation.

Respectively submitted, Jane Kellogg