

Campton Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday May 4th, 2016

Members Present: Shannon Garnsey, Jess Halm, Alisoun Hodges, Dave Peeler, Rebecca Steeves

Jess served as chair, and called the meeting to order at 7:12 PM

1. Pond Proposal.

The Commission viewed a presentation by Jennifer McCourt, a land planning and design engineer representing property owners proposing to build a small wildlife pond on their property at 22 Loft Circle. Commissioners reviewed the project, and Jess moved that we indicate that review by signing the package. Dave seconded, the motion passed, and Jess signed for the Commission.

2. Minutes of April 6, 2016.

Alisoun moved approval of the minutes of April 6, 2016. Shannon seconded the motion which passed unanimously without discussion.

3. Lands Management -- PCP: Blanchard House

Discussion then turned to this dilapidated structure located on the Patee Conservation Park, and how to go about destroying/dismantling the house. Dave reported on his discussion with officials of the Historical Society, who had no objections to destroying the structure. Dave also reported that the Society has no photographs or other images that might depict the building in its better days.

At this point Fire Chief Dan Defosses came before the Commission, and indicated that his department would be interested in the Blanchard House for a controlled burn training exercise. Two documents would be necessary for such a burn, one documenting that there is no insurance covering the burn, and a second one, authored by an established, reputable construction company documenting that the structure does not contain hazardous materials. The Chief indicated the burn could take place late in the summer or early in the fall, and he also noted that after the burn there would still be some debris that would be the Commission's responsibility to clean up.

4. Lands Management – BWNA: Nature Nights.

These summer programs will be held Tuesday evenings from 6-7 PM (June 28 through August 16). Posters will be widely distributed, and will acknowledge the support of The Little Red School House, and Meredith Village Savings Bank. Jess will see to other matters for the posters, which will be supported by the Conservation Fund and the Rey Center.

5. Pike Industries Property.

On April 19, Alisoun and Jane met with Larry Major of Pike Industries. We had been contacted by him in reference to the Campton Sand and Gravel property on Route 49, which is owned by Pike Industries. Major is the lands manager for Pike, and is wondering if there is anything that can be done with that particular property that would be of benefit to them, to the town and to the property. There are two parcels, a large one of several hundred acres on the south side of Route 49, and one of four acres on the north. The property has strong esthetic qualities, apparent wildlife (beaver) habitat, and potential for canoe launching. Commissioners plan additional visits to the property, and continued discussions with Pike.

6. Meeting of Regional Conservation Commissions.

Alisoun attended this meeting and came away glad that she had made contacts from the other commissions. Discussion focused upon the benefits that could come from a regularizing of these regional meetings – perhaps to twice a year.

7. Friends of the Pemi.

Alisoun attended a recent meeting and reported that the Holderness side parking has an anticipated completion at the end of June. Discussions are continuing to explore the facilities planned for the Campton side. Those interested in summer volunteering should contact Jane.

8. Website.

Jess is continuing to talk with Leona and Beverly. It is looking like the site will be live soon.

9. Northern Pass

A DES deadline of May 10 is fast approaching. On behalf of the Commission, Jess is creating a letter voicing our concerns regarding protection of wetlands and natural resources along the proposed trenched burial route through town.

10. NRI.

The next work meeting is scheduled for Thursday May 19 at 4:30 pm in the town office. Backup date: Saturday May 21 at 8:00 in the town office.

11. Conservation Summer Camps.

Other town conservation commissions sponsor kids for organizations such as the Barry Conservation Camp. The Commission expressed enthusiasm for such scholarships, and hopes to award them for the summer of 2017.

12. 2016 Lakes Congress, June 2-3.

Dave has brochure with details. www.nhlakes.org/lakes-congress

13. Adjournment 9:15 PM

