

Campton Conservation Commission
Agenda
Wednesday, September 7th, 2016, 7pm

Present: Jane, Jess, Dave & Rebecca. Guests: Firefighter Ian McKinnon, Katie Morrison, Andy Butuzov

1. **August meeting minutes approval** – approved.

2. **Firefighter Ian McKinnon, re: Blanchard House Training Burn** – he was very grateful for this training opportunity – there can be various burns, a plus that it is actually a residence building and in excellent condition! They would need to retrofit for the different burns and safety (take porch off, add drywall, remove loft, etc.), hopefully in early October. Then would do non-fire training in October, followed by the burn in November. The commission would be responsible for clean-up and the asbestos clearance. He recommended hiring equipment and a dump truck to remove the debris, and gave out a list of state approved inspection contractors for the asbestos. Jane motioned to contact a contractor for the inspection and to use Conservation Fund money for payment, Dave seconded it – all voted and it was approved. Jess will contact a company in Meredith for costs and procedure. Once this inspection takes place, Ian will take care of the final approvals from the state and fire academy. Jane asked about the impact to the large oak tree that is close to the house – Ian said he would go take another look at it and discuss options with us at our October meeting. Also, the CTFD will inform the nearby residents and Jane will contact Paul Yelle of the historical society.

3. **Northern Pass updates** – Jess went to a meeting at the Forest Society; they have hired a company to analyze the documents from the engineering firm in Littleton and plan to refute some items based on conservation commission NRIs and conservation plans. They would also like to get a “movement” going as was done to reject the pipeline project.

4. **Livermore Falls updates** – next meeting is Wednesday at noon. There seem to be more people on the Campton side lately, maybe because it’s free vs. the charge on the Holderness side. Jane attended the Selectmen’s meeting in August and asked about the cost of rescues to the town of Campton; they did not have specific numbers.

5. **Nature Nights in review** – Andy said he felt that advertising was great, he was happy with the turnout and would be willing to do it again next year, but is not sure on his future connection with the Rey Center. He felt good about the programs and would do more to get the topics out to the public next year. We will revisit in February.

6. **Review of Wetland Permit (Dollar General)** – it was the application and it looked in order.

7. **NRI** – Jane distributed hardcopies!!

8. **Conservation Planning** – None at this time.

9. **AOB**

- There was a Wetlands Extension application for a property across from Quimby Road. Jane will visit the site to check the status.

- There was a letter from the Rey Center thanking us for sponsoring Nature Nights.

- There was a donation of \$250 from David and Shirley Parish of Natick MA indicating they had a nice visit to Blair Woodlands.

- Jess read the email forwarded from Carina from the NH Community Rights Network requesting involvement towards strengthening local laws to reject large-scale utility projects.

- NHACC Fall Conference at Pembroke Academy on Saturday, November 12.

Meeting adjourned at 8:38pm.

Next meeting on Wednesday, October 5 – Rebecca to chair.