

## **Campton Conservation Commission**

### **Meeting Minutes**

August 3, 2016, 7pm

Campton Municipal Building Meeting Room

**Members Present:** Shannon Garnsey, Jessica Halm, Jane Kellogg, Rebecca Steeves

**Others Present:** Tara Bamford of North Country Council, Mike Burke of Inter-Fluve, Inc., Trudy Cote (Campton resident), Fred Gunter of Pemi River Local Advisory Committee, Tim Harvey (Campton resident), Jeff Marcoux of NHDES, Richard Osborne (Campton resident), John Pierce of Campton Village Precinct, Barbara Robinson of North Country Council, and John Whitney of Campton Village Precinct

As acting chair, Jane called the meeting to order at 7:06pm.

1) Mad River Stabilization Report: overview, discussion, questions, comments.

Jane introduced Mike Burke, Water Resources Engineer w/Inter-Fluve, Inc. Mr. Burke presented a report on Mad River Stabilization and Enhancement Options, resulting from a 9-month study completed in June 2016 for the Campton Village Water District, with support from North Country Council. Three alternatives were presented to stabilize the Village's water supply wellhead areas and improve habitat quality along a stretch of the Mad River Northeast of its confluence with the Pemigewasset River and Southwest of the Campton Pond Dam. A question and comment period followed, with input about the historic and current use of the surrounding landscape, suggestions for additional alternatives, and funding potential for the proposed project. Potential funding partnerships that were mentioned include DES (Section 319 Grant and/or Aquatic Rehabilitation and Mitigation (ARM) Funds), Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS), and Trout Unlimited. Mr. Burke specifically asked for additional information regarding the history of Milo Lake and Milo Lake Dam operation, and associated gravel removal in the area. Any follow-up comments can be sent to Tara Bamford of North Country Council.

Most attendees of this presentation dispersed, with the exception of CCC members and Richard Osborne. The CCC continued with its regular business meeting:

2) Approval of July minutes: Jess moved to accept the July minutes, with one correction in the spelling of Dave Pushee's name. Shannon seconded and all were in favor. Since Tammy's inactivity with the CCC due to a family concern, we have faltered on proper protocol for submitting the minutes. Jess will attempt to reinstate the process this month.

### 3) Updates

- a. PCP: Dave and Jane helped Campton Garden Club members Carol Lenahan and De Robitaille haul wood chips donated by Top Notch Tree Care and place them around the base of the Elm Tree, as prescribed by a consulting arborist. While a good neighbor has been mowing a path from the parking area to the Elm Tree, no mowing has been done from the tree to the woods trailhead areas. In future years, we would like to find a person who lives nearby and has the proper equipment to be able to do this. The potential for using the Blachard House as a training burn opportunity by the Campton-Thornton Fire Department is being explored. The new point-person for this collaboration is Firefighter/EMT Ian McKinnon, who Jess has been in contact with.
- b. BWNA: Nature Night programming has continued throughout the summer. Rey Center Naturalist Andy Butuzov has stated that he is happy with the turnout of participants each week. Jane will follow-up on a previous request with the Town Road Agent to place fill along the shoulder of Rte.3 and the BWNA parking lot, as there is a low shoulder that can make entry/exiting difficult. Ian Halm has agreed to take down a couple of trees at the Red Sleigh Property, along the border with the Town Property.
- c. Livermore Falls: an Opening Ceremony was held at the new Holderness parking facility on Saturday, July 16<sup>th</sup>. Fees have started to be collected as of August 1<sup>st</sup>. With the conclusion of this project, the hope is that the attention will begin to shift to the Campton side. Ben Wilson, a NH Department of Resources and Economic Development employee, was at the opening and mentioned that the process for obtaining land suitable for parking from an abutter on the Campton side is underway. The next scheduled Friends of the Pemi Meeting is slated for Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, 12 PM, at Resource Management, Inc. Of four opening ceremony speakers, half spoke about the tremendous community effort behind the improvements on the Holderness side of the river, which was the reason the State became so involved and made it happen. Every effort should be made to rally this kind of support from the Campton community.
- d. Northern Pass: the State of NH Attorney for the Public is holding workshops throughout the state, looking for input from residents about scenic and cultural resources along the proposed Northern Pass route, within a 10 mile range on either side of the corridor. Jane attended a recent workshop held in Ashland and gave input on Campton locations. On August 9<sup>th</sup>, Jess plans to attend a meeting at the Conservation Center with NHACC and SPNH Legal Council about impacts to Natural

Resources in each of the towns affected by the proposed Northern Pass Project.

- e. Natural Resources Inventory: Karen Currier of Holderness agreed to do a final read through of the document and made grammatical edits. Rebecca consulted with the group about inconsistencies with the reference list and page numbering. Jane, Shannon and Jess agreed to contribute 10 personal dollars toward a small token of appreciation for Karen. Jane will get the finalized version to True Colors for printing, and check to see if they can correct the missing even page numbers without too much trouble or added expense.
- 4) Other business:
- a. Campton Heritage Day is August 6<sup>th</sup> at the Campton Historical Society.
  - b. There will be a locally hosted BBQ for Giuta, running for State Senate on August 7<sup>th</sup>, from 2:30-5 pm, in Campton's Upper Village.
  - c. Rebecca attended a planning board work session regarding a proposed Dollar General Store in Campton, along Rt. 49. There will be an official meeting regarding this proposal on Tuesday, August 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25pm

Next Meeting: September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Jess will chair.