

**Campton Conservation Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, October 5, 2016**

**Members Present: Shannon Garnsey, Jess Halm, Jane Kellogg, Dave Peeler, Rebecca Steeves**

**Rebecca Steeves called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM.**

**1. September Minutes: Jane moved to approve. Rebecca seconded. All voted to approve.**

**2. Blanchard House Training Burn: Jess**

**Jess reported that she had contacted a Meredith firm (J.D. Demolition) to do the asbestos inspection. They took 13 samples of all materials that were not wood or glass. All came back negative for asbestos. A report will be sent to the town. Funding from the Conservation Fund for the inspection and report (\$805) was expedited by Carina.**

**CTFD member, Ian McKinnon, is continuing to make all necessary arrangements to conduct the burn. It is expected to be before winter.**

**CHS members, Martha Aguiar and Scott Pulsifer, had contacted Ian McKinnon to gain access to the building in order to remove an item of interest to the historical society. This will happen soon.**

**3. Northern Pass Update**

**Rebecca reported about attending a presentation at PSU last week where Native tribes in Quebec had presented the changes to their hunting and fishing lands as a result of Hydro Quebec. The nutshell is that what had been promised over the years to them by the Canadian government has not come to pass. Their traditional way of life is permanently altered.**

**4. Livermore Falls Update: Jane**

**Jane reported on the latest Friends of the Pemi meeting (September 14). She and Mary O'Brien(CHS) were the only Campton residents in attendance. The meeting mainly reviewed the summer progress and activities at Livermore Falls. While there are many positive changes; the dangerous activities of jumping from the bridge and ledges(several rescues happened this summer), some illegal drinking, and after-hour illicit activities still continue. Ben Wilson (DRED Director of Historic Resources) had not been able to attend at the last minute, but sent a brief report about plans for the west side of the falls, and the desire to set up a site visit there soon. (see below). The next Friends meeting is expected in late October or November.**

**Jane also reported about a site visit on the west side on September 22 with Ben Wilson (DRED Director of Historic Resources). 6 people showed up. Campton was represented by herself, Town Administrator Carina Park, and Tiffany Johnson (candidate for NH House). Ben gave basic background to the area and efforts for improvements so far. He showed preliminary plans for additional parking and ADA railroad crossing and access to the viewing area on the old mills. The state has 150K in mitigation funding from the wind power ROW crossing to spend on the site improvements. There would be no**

mandatory fee at this site. Ken Evans noted Plymouth Rotary's continued willingness to help with funding if needed. Ben requested help on historic placards from the Campton Historical Society. Jane will put him in touch with their board. Ownership of the historic Pumpkinseed Bridge came up again. Ben noted previous difficulty in tracing ownership and suggested that the Campton town attorney might be able to help with this.

#### **5. BWNA update: Jane**

A PSU class using GIS for Conservation has asked to use BWNA as a field site. Jane had provided them with a copy of the deed with its conservation restrictions. The class has visited the site, taken GPS points, and will be putting together maps of the property for their class assignments. When these are presented in class, we will be notified.

Jane had contacted town road agent, Butch Bain, about some road material needed at the head of the driveway into the parking area. He noted that he's due to discuss roads with the BOS and will get back to us about this.

#### **6. Budget Review: Shannon**

All encumbered funding from 2015 (\$140 budgeted for printing of the NRI by True Colors) has now been spent. Of the 2016 budget, about \$450 (Conferences, Property management) remains. There was discussion about 2017 proposed budget. The PRLAC dues request has gone up from \$250 to \$300. At November's meeting, we will discuss further in preparation for meeting with the BOS on November 28.

#### **7. NHACC Conference:**

The yearly conference is held at Pembroke Academy on Saturday, Nov. 12 with a cost of \$55 if registered before 10/14, and \$65 thereafter. CCC members will check calendars and make decisions for attending at the next meeting. Likely 2-3 will attend.

#### **8. DES wetland permit extension notice: Mespelli property on Morris Lane**

Jane reported following up by making a site visit where it appeared the work had been done, and then leaving 3 phone messages to Mr. Mespelli to ask a few questions. He returned one call. She will keep trying.

#### **9. Mail:**

Several DES notices. 2 in relation to proposed Dollar General store on Rt 49. Shoreland Permit Application (DES file # 2016-02459: notice dated 8/26/16) and Shoreland Impact Permit Approval (DES dated 9/16/16).

Second DES notice for wetland impact violations on Mason Road.

#### **10. Other Business**

Fall Road clean-up: scheduled for Sunday Oct. 30 @ 8 AM. Jess will get notice into paper and ask Tammy to make arrangements for bags from DOT.

Rebecca adjourned the meeting at 8:25 PM. Minutes taken by Jane Kellogg.

Next meeting: Wednesday, Nov. 2. Shannon will chair.