

**Campton Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, December 7, 2016**

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

Others present: Patrick Miller, Chris Woods

Dave Peeler called the meeting to order at 7:17 PM.

1. November minutes were moved by Jane to accept. Jess seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion was approved.

2. Conservation planning discussion: P. Miller and C. Woods attended to inquire about the town's Conservation Fund, its process for application of funds; conservation planning, and to discuss potential conservation easement thoughts surrounding the Bog watershed. Jane and Jess gave P. Miller and C. Woods the background of the Conservation Fund and how funds can be allocated. The recently completed NRI was also discussed. Its section of "Next Steps" include writing a Conservation Plan for the town. Discussion also covered the findings that the section of town around The Bog to be of vital interest in protection of the lands. Conversation covered various large parcels under various family ownership, whether this might be time for a larger conservation effort, and various types of outreach. A further meeting could include maps and determination for further actions of outreach to land owners in The Bog watershed.

3. Meeting note taking: with the absence of Tammy Wooster in recent months, various CCC members have taken turns taking meeting minutes. It appears this may continue for some time. Jane agreed to take on this task, while others continue to take turns chairing meetings.

4. Report of meeting with Select Board re 2017 proposed budget: Shannon reported having presented the proposed budget at the Nov. 18 meeting of the Select Board. We presented a 2017 budget of \$1,396. The Select Board recommended rounding the number to \$1,400.

5. NHACC conference: Jess reported having attended 2 very helpful workshops on Nov. 12. One was on Conservation Planning and has many ideas to use for our work on this coming soon. The second workshop was on Land Conservation: Step by Step.

6. DES Expedited Permit review: Jane had received a permit application from Dick Fortin, of Tin Mountain Conservation Center. The permit is for four Beebe River tributaries' restorations that will be conducted in summer of 2017 and 2018. After reviewing the materials, Jess moved to sign, Dave seconded. Jane will be signing and taking to the Town Clerk for her signatures before they are sent back to the applicant.

7. Updates:

A. Blanchard House controlled burn: Jess reported this is now scheduled for February.

B. Northern Pass: No one had any report or update.

C. Livermore Falls: Jane reported that Mary O'Brien, of the CHS, is working on choices of photos and written material to help Ben Wilson, of DRED, for informational material to be displayed on the west side of the falls. At the next meeting (Jan. 11 @ noon @ Campton Municipal Building); we expect to get plans for state improvements in Campton.

D. BWNA: It was noted that the town road agent had brought some road material to the driveway as we'd requested. Jess said she will take care of hanging the winter signs and parking lot gate now that winter weather is upon us.

8. Bog Walk: scheduled for January 29. Jess and Rebecca will get notices to various papers. At our January meeting, final plans can be made for further outreach, refreshments, etc.

9. Campton's 250 Celebration: Jess reported having attended the last committee meeting and the group was very excited about the potential use of the Patee Conservation Park field for events. We had been contacted about sponsoring a banner for \$150, which will be ordered and hang around town to generate enthusiasm for the celebration. Discussion was had about using some money remaining in our 2016 budget. Jane made a motion that if it's not too late, we spend \$150 to sponsor a banner. Jess seconded. Jess contacted Carol Lenehan to see if we're too late.

10. Mail: none.

Notes taken by Jane Kellogg

Next meeting : January 4, 2017. Jess to Chair. Meeting adjourned at 8:58 PM