

**Campton Conservation Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, January 4, 2017**

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

**Jess Halm called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.**

**1. December, 2016 minutes: Dave moved to approve as circulated. Shannon seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

**2. Updates:**

**a. Blanchard House training: Jess reported having recently spoken with CTFD Ian McKinnon who is coordinating the controlled burn planning. All state requirements are in place. There are 2 FD firefighters who are taking a course and plans now are to wait until those 2 individuals are more fully trained to fully optimize the controlled burn experience. Jess confirmed with McKinnon that the goal would be to be sure the burn is done before summer, when 250 celebrations will be under way and the CCC will be focused on having the property ready for the occasion. McKinnon confirmed they would be sure to comply with this request.**

**b. Northern Pass: With no update from CCC Northern Pass guru (Tammy Wooster) we relied on recent website news to report that Eversource has requested that the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) direct rate payers to pay for the expense of the towers over a 40 year period.**

**c. Livermore Falls: Next meeting of the Friends of the Pemi/Livermore Falls will be Wednesday, Jan 11 @ Campton Municipal Building @ Noon. (Light lunch provided for all attendees). Jane reported having met with CHS member, Mary O'Brien, to begin work on historic photograph selection and text for the various displays at the site. They have not been able to get more guidance yet from Ben Wilson (NH DRED), but hope to gain more at the next Friends of the Pemi/Livermore Falls meeting next week.**

**d. BWNA winter: The usual winter closure of the BWNA parking has not happened yet this winter, but high banks along Rt 3 would keep visitors from entering the lot. Jess and family have the cables and signs made by former commission member, Jules Doner. Discussion was had about possible methods that would be easier to use. Jess will be following up on this.**

**e. Campton 250th: After discussion and a motion at the previous CCC meeting, Jess had followed up with Carol Lenahan of the 250 Committee and found we could still be a banner sponsor, using \$150 from our 2016 budget. We expect that our banner will be posted somewhere near the Pattee Conservation Park. Other banners have begun to appear around town already! Dave brought up concerns about during the celebration event, whether cars on the field would be a problem if September were an especially wet month. Discussion was had about being involved in planning with the 250 committee to discuss this and other matters. Jane suggested making this planning the focus of our annual April "Lands Management" meeting, by inviting the 250 committee to attend this meeting. In the meantime, Jess is attending their meetings.**

**3. Annual Report:** Jane had made copies of the 2015 report as a starting point. Suggestions were made for the 2016 report. Shannon will get the Conservation Fund figures. We have requested help from Tammy Wooster on a paragraph on Northern Pass. Jane will collect members' input and circulate a draft for review by email. Finalization will need to be done via email since the report is due to May Brosseau by Jan. 30.

**4. Winter Bog Tracking Walk:** finalizing plans. Sunday, Jan 29, 2-4 PM. Jess will confirm with walk leader Lea Stewart. Jane will send the flier to members with details for others to circulate. Jess and Rebecca will contact newspaper contacts used last year. With last year's large turn-out, Dave wondered if we ought to plan for 2 time offerings. Members felt that last year's fantastic weather and some enthusiastic participants who brought others made for an especially large group; and that we'd see how this year goes. Refreshment details by all, as before. Jess will bring the Wildlife Action Plan map for reference.

**5. Conservation Planning: Work Session:** After completion of the NRI, with its next step recommendations to work on a Conservation Plan; we discussed getting started on this. Dates were considered. Plans are to meet on Wed, Jan. 18 7-9 PM at the Municipal Hall meeting room. Jess will bring materials from a recent workshop she attended to guide discussion that evening.

**6. Mail:** a) UNH Soil Science flier about workshop opportunities. Jess will get it to Tammy  
b) DES Shoreland Permit Application. Dated 12/21/16. Proposed: 2 apartment buildings, 8,874 sq. ft. new impervious surface. Rt 175 within 250' of Mad River. No specific action needed by the CC. Jane took the application copy and will follow up to see when this may come before the Planning Board.

**7. Other Business:** none.

Notes taken by Jane Kellogg

Next meeting: 7 PM/Feb, 1, 2017. Rebecca to Chair. Meeting adjourned at 8:37 PM