

**Campton Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 8, 2017**

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

Shannon called the meeting to order at 7:11PM.

1. February minutes: Jane moved to approve. Rebecca seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Updates

a. Blanchard House Training Burn: Jess had circulated email reporting that CTFD Ian McKinnon was anticipating an April burn. There was discussion about further postponements possibly leading to conditions, like lack of snow or dry field conditions being unsuitable for the burn. Also, in September of this year, the town's 250 celebration activities will be at the field. It would not be good to have the burn be close to that time. All agreed in the hope for the burn to be conducted soon.

b. Northern Pass: Tammy was unable to attend due to illness, so had no updates to report. Jane reported that the Friends of the Pemi group had discussed whether their plans for improvements on the west side of Livermore Falls, along Rt 3 would be impacted by the planned underground NP line.

c. Livermore Falls: Jane reported on the last Friends of the Pemi/Livermore Falls meeting on Feb. 16. Summer 2016 archeology study results had been presented, and Ben Wilson and Phil Bryce from the state, had been in attendance to update on 2017 plans for improvements on the west side. It's hoped that these improvements can be highlighted to the town of Campton in coordination with the 250th celebration. Next meeting TBA: last week in March, held @ Campton Municipal Building.

d. Campton 250th: Dates for various activities were reviewed as printed in the Annual Report. The CCC celebration banner now hangs on Blair Rd near the PCP corner.

3. Town Meeting materials/set-up:

We discussed showing the completed NRI and celebrating 5 years of the Bog Tracking event. We brought out of the closet, some materials used previously as well: habitat brochures, etc. It was decided that those with Bob walk pictures would bring them. We also brought out the WAP maps and decided to use the Highest Ranked Habitat map to highlight just where the Bog is in town. Shannon and Jane are coordinating contacting the town moderator and set-up on Tuesday for election day.

4. Nature Nights-Rey Center: Jess had sent email recommending that we try a season of presenting Nature Nights ourselves this summer. Shannon had ideas of 2 people to follow up with. Shannon and Jess are also good resources. There was discussion with consensus being to further discuss at the April "Lands Management" meeting.

5. BWNA/PCP

The parking lot at BWNA was not closed off this year due to plenty of early snow banks preventing travel there. Opening should happen as melting snow allows for entry to the lot.

April "Lands Management" meeting: Dave's turn to chair next month's meeting. Use and preparation of the PCP field for the 250th celebration will be the main topic for PCP. Jane will contact the 250th committee for representation at our meeting on April 5. Nature Night planning and scheduling will be the main topic for BWNA.

6. Conservation Planning: next work session:

The last scheduled work session was canceled due to weather. The commissioners present tentatively chose Wed, March 23 @ 4:30 for the next work session, pending approval from those absent. Second choice would be the following Wednesday.

7. Schedule spring roadside clean-up: Sunday, April 23 @ 8:30 was chosen. More planning later for bag pick-up from NHDOT.

Other Business: None

Mail:

- a. post card from an invasive vegetation control service.
- b. Grafton County Conservation District newsletter featuring their plant sale.
- c. NHDES forestry notice approval for timber harvest on Parker Family property, Ellsworth Hill.

Notes taken by: Jane Kellogg

Next meeting: Wednesday, April 5 @ 7 PM: Lands Management Annual Meeting. Dave to Chair

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM