

## Campton Conservation Commission Minutes for December 6, 2017

### Members present

Jane Kellogg

David Peeler

Jessica Holms

Richard Osborne

Rebecca Steeves

David Peeler brought the meeting to order at 7:19 PM  
The agenda was reviewed and some items were added

Previous minutes for November were reviewed and appropriate changes were made and will be submitted.

Northern Pass status was reviewed. A public forum took place on December 2 at the Common Man in Plymouth. Rebecca and Jessica attended. The attendees wrote letters to the commission. It was well attended and further meetings were suggested  
The SEC will continue deliberation sessions January 30 – February 23, 2018 at various times and locations, mostly in Concord. Plans to attend some of these sessions were discussed. **Protest Granite State** coordinator, Tim Madsen, asked for as many attendees as possible in order to demonstrate opposition.

Next the status of the Livermore Falls park development group was discussed. The next meeting of the committee will take place at the Campton Municipal Building on December 14 at 1200 noon. It is anticipated the Ben Wilson, the state coordinator, will attend and have more concrete plans to discuss. CC members, Richard and Jane, will try to attend.

The status of Blair Town Woodland was discussed. The Woodland suffered many blow down trees in the recent storms. Jane, Ron and Jess and her husband did significant work cutting back fallen trees and branches that obstructed the paths, but work still remains. Some of this work will involve further cutting back of fallen trees and fallen branches. In addition, some of the fallen trees were blaze markers and new blazes will need to be marked. There will be no attempt to clean out the interior of the woods as this woodland is an example of a natural habitat where such loss of older trees is a common event. Members will try to improve the pathways further.

The next item was the proposal before the town from Freeport Suneast Development to develop a commercial solar power farm on a property off Page Road. This will come before the town Planning Board in the near future. All members thought it was important that representatives of the CC be present at these meetings to monitor the possible environmental impact of the proposed installation. The Planning Board will next meet on December 12. Jane will contact Mae about attending.

The next item discussed was the UNH/4H Nature Camp in Berlin, NH this coming summer. Attendees are children in the 10-15 age group. Children are sponsored by various groups in towns throughout NH. We had discussed using our funds to sponsor 1-2 attendees. The Commission voted to fund two children, one boy and one girl. We will need to publicize the event, gather names of interested children, and interview them in order to choose the boy and girl. Rebecca will contact teachers/administrators at Campton Elementary to start the process. We then need to interview the children wanting to attend to choose the final two. The cost of the camp is \$510 per child. This can be covered by remaining Commission funds. Deadline for applications is April 1, 2018. We will confirm two spots earlier to insure openings are available.

The members then discussed reimbursement for the cost of gasoline (\$28) used in clearing the Blair Woodland. The members decided, unanimously, that this payment was appropriate, as professional fees for clearing would have been much higher and the work was absolutely necessary for the ongoing use of the woodland.

The next item discussed was the annual January Bog Walk which will be on January 28<sup>th</sup> at 2=4 pm at the Campton Bog. We will need to start publicizing the event. We will submit notifications to the Record Enterprise for their January 5<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> editions

The Commission then discussed the request from the town Planning Board to review a proposed revision of traffic barriers along Route 3 approximately from Blair Road to near the Blair Woodland in multiple sections. The change involves replacing the present wire barriers with the newer W type metal barriers. The purpose of the change is increased safety. Richard had reviewed the proposed sites. There is minimal chance for significant water/wet lands contamination as the distance from the Pemigewasset is substantial and the only possible source of contamination would be the removal and replacement of the barriers. The materials used for the new barriers would not cause any significant contamination. The committee had no objection to the project as proposed.

The monthly mail was reviewed. There was a letter from the NHDES stating they felt no further actions were necessary relative to a complaint on Eastern Corner Road about a drainage/erosion problem from a steep driveway. Members present were familiar with this area. It was recommended that one of the members drive by the area to see if there appeared to be any ongoing erosion problems.

As the agenda was completely and no new business was raised the Commission meeting was adjourned. Next meeting is scheduled for January 3, 2018.

Submitted by Richard Osborne