

## Campton Conservation commission

Minutes for Meeting November 9, 2017

### Members present

David Peeler, Joan Kellogg, Jess Halm, Shannon Guarnsey, Richard Osborne

Meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm at the Town Building

The minutes of the last meeting in October were reviewed and unanimously accepted by the members.

Jane updated the commission on the status of the Livermore Falls project in Campton. There have been no new meetings since Memorial Day. The Preservation Alliance has been trying to gather information from individuals who actually lived in that area to help in the archeologic investigations in the area. There is no written plan for the park on the west side of the river yet. Ben Wilson, who is the state agent in charge, has not scheduled another meeting yet.

### Northern Pass:

Jess stated that the company has completed its case delivery and it appears that Eversource believes that it will go forward as they had planned. It was noted that 10 people who were opposed to the project were not allowed to give testimony that would have told the board of all the road closures, tourism effects and disruption of normal travel routes.

### Beebe River fish habitat restoration.

Jane stated that the Squam Lake Conservation Commission has reviewed all that has been done to glean ideas for wetlands habitat preservation. The members present did not know if the project is completed yet.

### Pulsifer land

Mr. Pulsifer has spoken to the Selectmen about the town possibly taking ownership of the strip of land along route 49 but it appears they were not interested in accepting it. He also spoke to the Village Precinct and they were not interested either. The commissioners could not think of any other alternatives.

### Budget

The Commission's budget was reviewed along with unpaid bills.

Total budget was \$1400 including the \$250 received for support of the 250<sup>th</sup> town anniversary; dues to the NH Conservation Commission was \$296. After the mowing of Pattee Park and Dirt Design bill and other expenses were deducted the remaining balance was \$458.

Jess suggested a possible use for this balance would be to sponsor a Campton 8<sup>th</sup> grader to attend The Fish and Game summer camp next summer. The exact cost of the camp was not known. The commission decided to obtain the application process before Thanksgiving and by December begin the application process.

### Winter activities

The annual winter tracking hike was discussed and the date was set at January 28, 2018. There is a possibility of recruiting Kathy Duffy as an instructor. The commissioners also discussed the possibility of expanding the nature of the hike to include additional interests such as winter habitats, forest changes in winter. These will be discussed in coming meetings.

Jane brought forward the initiation of a solar power project in Campton by a company, Freepoint Suneast Development, from Stamford, Connecticut, on a property off Page Road involving about 140 acres on the present Dearborn property which is vacant. The town has just begun discussions and is dealing with zoning and current use calculations. We plan to follow this project closely.

Recent mail was reviewed

We received NHDES notification of wetlands review for DOT prior to placement of a culvert at Cooks Corner.

Several futures workshops that commissioners might be interested were discussed including:

PSU conservation course

Bicknell's thrush – organization for support of improving the winter habitat of this bird in Dominica to aid in increasing numbers. This thrush inhabits the White Mountain National Forest in the summer

An effort by CC/Parks and Recreation/Castle in the Clouds to get children involved in forest and habitat preservation

“First Hike” a group arranging a hike on January 1, 2018.

After a brief discussion of these proposed activities business was concluded and the Commission was adjourned.

Next meeting is scheduled for December 6, 2017

Submitted by Richard Osborne