

Campton Conservation Commission
Minutes of MAY 2, 2018 meeting

Commissioners present: Jane Kellogg, Jessica Halm, Rebecca Steeves, Dave Peeler, Richard Osborne, Shannon Guernsey

Meeting was called to order at 7:11 pm at the Campton Town Offices by Shannon Guernsey

1. First order of business was to review the February Commission minutes which have not been formally accepted. Shannon moved to accept the February meetings pending redistribution on line to the commissioners. If no objections or corrections are needed the final copy will be forwarded to the Town Clerk and Town Administrator.
2. **Livermore Falls State Park project.** The next meeting of the state committee will be May 24, 2018 at the Campton Town Offices. The Committee is hoping to find volunteers to man the Park but the summer. The Committee has asked the Campton and Plymouth Conservation Commissions to help man the park on the weekends. The commissioners agreed that we would volunteer on one of the weekend days. A list will be prepared with the individual dates that we will man the park. Of note also is that another archeologic dig will be done this summer by member of the PSU faculty and from the state. Volunteers for this activity are also sought. The emphasis of the dig this summer will be looking for native American artifacts. The contact person is David Trubey. Phone number 271 2813. Email at Division of Historic Resources is Preservation@dncr.nh.gov.
3. Jess reported that an article by Peggy Martin on vernal pools will be published in Conservation Matters . This will be a revision of one of her previous publications on vernal pools. Jess says that it is excellent.
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 - There was still some concern about the well on the Pattee Park. The commissioners are not certain that the safe guards to avoid any accidents are adequate. Commissioners will find and evaluate potential hazards during our next clean up in that area.
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5. Jess reported that the parking lot at Blair Woodland Natural Area is now open after a long, hard winter. She and her husband have been clearing obstructions from fallen limbs and trees. Jess feels more help is needed as there was extensive wind and snow damage. The commissioners then discussed plans for revitalizing the area. Specifically items that were discussed were new guidebooks, a map for the starting point, reestablishing the points/plants of interest in the area, and repairing the handrails of the bridge. It was suggested this might be a good subject for local schools or even PSU interested in natural environments and their long term evolution. Commissioners will visit the site and discuss revisions to the trail guide before the next meeting.
6. Shannon reported that after discussions with Lea Elliot of the Rey Center, she is interested in having Nature Nights again. The arrangement would be the same. The Commission would give financial support and Lea Elliot would recruit 5 speakers with

expertise in nature area. We will also need to send out flyers and other forms of advertising for the events. All commissioners felt this was worthwhile and the funding it at the same level would be appropriate.

7. Two children, a boy and a girl, have been selected to attend the 4H Barry Camp this summer. Shannon, Jayne and Jess had the pleasure of interviewing candidates and feel the final choices were excellent. Both students have written their acceptance with thanks for this opportunity. The amount of \$1020 has been previously approved by the Commission. The commissioners agreed this was an excellent program and that we should participate in and financially support this program in the future. In addition, it was felt that we should look for additional ways to get more young people into these types of camps. Shannon moved to pay the camp \$1020 from the Commission Fund. The motion was seconded by Rebecca and the motion was passed unanimously.
8. Myrtle Lewis drafted comments on the new legislation relative to wetlands that we forwarded last month to DES.
9. It was brought to the attention of the Commission that the US Forest Service at White Mountain National Forest is proposing a significant revamping of bike trails, parking areas and camping sites within Campton and other towns. This is a long term project. They are open to suggestions from local towns. We will study the specifics of the plans to see how this will affect Campton.
10. Due to varying schedules this summer the Commissioners decided that the monthly road cleanup will be done individually or in small groups as our schedules allow. The first date for those who can make it is 4/7/18 at Pattee Conservation Park from, 4 to 6 pm.
11. Jane, Jess and Rebecca reported that they had met with the family on Beech Hill Road who had requested assistance in an application to put in a pond. After a tour of the area for the proposed pond and discussion as to the physical properties of the project the Commission signed their application to build a pond on their property.
12. It was noted by Jess that there has been some confusion of the Robartwood Pond (Bog Pond) and the pond behind the Campton dam on the Mad River. Articles in local publications about the Bog Pond had used the picture of the Campton Pond on the Mad River.
13. There was some discussion about adding more information to the Commission's Facebook page. Commissioners will seek assistance in doing this correctly
14. The meeting was closed at 8:25 pm. The next meeting will be June 6, 2018 at the Town Offices.