

## **Campton Conservation Commission July 11, 2018 Meeting Minutes**

**Members Present:** Shannon Garnsey, Jessica Halm, Jane Kellogg, Dick Osborne, David Peeler. **Guests:** Myrtle Lewis (Thornton Conservation Commission)

Meeting called to order at 7:11. May meeting minutes distributed and reviewed. Small typos noted, to be corrected by Dick. A motion to approve the minutes was made by David, seconded by Jane and unanimously approved for submission. June minutes were then distributed, no changes were made. Jane moved to accept the minutes, David seconded the motion, and the minutes were unanimously approved.

**Nature Nights:** Nature Nights began Tuesday July 10th at 6pm. Myrtle graciously donated her time and expertise to lead the first night. She reported a successful evening, with one family present who were thoroughly engaged as they explored the Blair Woodlands using their five senses. Myrtle extended her gratitude to Jess for helping her get to know the forest and trails, and providing some programming pointers. Myrtle also met with Leah Elliot of The Rey Center to obtain a clipboard for participant sign-in and an envelope for Rey Center donations. The Rey Center naturalists are responsible for the next four weeks of programming.

Myrtle replaced the trail notes notebook at BWNA, as it was full. Jess and family did some trail maintenance and pruning as well as poison ivy removal, prior to Tuesday night. Dick reported his work on the bridge at BWNA, stating he replaced two posts, as well as fixed the railing. He intends to return soon to finish the work.

**Barry Camp:** The two students selected to attend the Barry Camp will do so later this month. We all anxiously await news as to how their camp experiences fare. Shannon will connect with the health teacher at Campton Elementary and ask that each student provide the Commission with feedback upon their return and hopefully by our September meeting.

**Livermore Falls:** Dick attended the most recent meeting of the Friends of the Pemi. He reported that Ben Wilson from the NH Division of Parks and Recreation was unable to attend, thus information was very limited. It was shared that the proposals and funding for the west (Campton) side project were approved at the state level. Jane volunteered at the parking lot this past weekend and reported a significant amount of visitors. The Friends of the Pemi are still seeking volunteers to assist on weekends. She also learned that archeological work has begun on site.

An email inquiry from a Concord Monitor journalist, seeking information on the Pumpkinseed Bridge, had been forwarded to all members. Jane reports having spoken to said reporter and provided some requested information, as did many community members and local authorities. The article is to be published in the coming weeks.

**Logging Activity:** Recent logging in two areas of Campton have been noted. The first is directly off Route 175, south of Campton Elementary School and north of the Campton Farm. The second is south of the Blair State Forest in the vicinity of Rosey Lane and Canoe Run. Jess received inquiries from concerned neighbors regarding the latter. Members questioned whether the Commission should have received forestry notifications, as we have not, as of the time of this meeting. Jane mentioned that logging operations are to post their notifications on site, typically attached to a tree or post near the entrance or staging area. Dick offered to follow up with the town clerk.

**Incoming Mail:** There was no new mail.

**Other Business:** Myrtle thanked the group for the warm welcome and asked if there was anything else she could do as a guest. She is currently a Thornton Conservation Commissioner and reports that they meet on an as needed basis. Jess suggested researching wild blueberry propagation for future discussion regarding the Pattee Conservation Property.

Meeting adjourned at 8:18pm. Rebecca to chair next meeting on August 1, 2018 at 7pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Shannon Garnsey