

Campton Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, December 12, 2018

(Note: this meeting was held a week later than the regularly scheduled meeting for December 7,
which was cancelled due to lack of majority of commissioners who could attend.)

Members present: Jess Halm, Jane Kellogg, Dick Osborne

Jess called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM. Jane taking notes.

1. November meeting minutes: Dick moved to approve, Jess seconded. All voted to approve.

2. Updates:

a. Livermore Falls: Jane reported there is a meeting of the Friends of the Pemi group (open to all interested) on Wed, Jan 16 at Noon at the Campton Town Hall meeting room. Light lunch served. This will be the first meeting in several months, so much to catch up on, report of summer at the park, hear from the state folks about what's happening, reasons for delay on plans on the west side of the falls. Jane also reported having recently attending a PSU student presentation of semester projects on various aspects of Livermore Falls, such as biology, geology, history, ecology. Many interesting ideas were presented by students to relay researched information about the falls to visitors. PSU professors Hammond-Rowen and McGerry are invited to join the Friends group efforts, and could bring student ideas through a blog set up to share student work.

b. Lands: PCP/BWNA: Jess reported having closed the BWNA parking for the winter after the early November snows.

c. Website updates: Jess has plans to work with Leona on updates over the holiday break. Stay tuned!

d. Fall road clean-up: the scheduled roadside clean-up for Nov. 18 was cancelled due to early snow covering sides of roads.

3. Barry Camp session selection: Rebecca had provided information on the UNH 2019 summer camp offerings. The CCC will need to notify them of how many slots, boy/girl, and which camps by Feb 1. There was discussion of the various options. Since we offer to CES students, we are limited to those aged camp offerings. The best fit for spending of Conservation Fund dollars, and avoiding the Fish Camp since Trout Unlimited offers scholarships there, we came around to Mini-Camp which offers to ages 8-12. Perfect to first-timers campers too. We would probably

offer a camp slot to one boy and one girl. Formal vote by the Commission can be made at the January 2 meeting.

4. Forestry inquiry: Rebecca had reached out to county forester, Jim Frohn with some questions we had about forestry harvesting permitting and how to reach out to landowners who might be considering a cut, to assist in making good decisions for their forest resource. His return email had referenced various state resources like links to Best Management Practices (BMPs) for timber harvesting operations. He also offered his availability to meet with landowners on site to assist with goal-setting and objectives for their forest land, provide them resources, lists of registered loggers, etc. He could also put on a workshop for a group locally if there was interest. We discussed putting together a simple hand-out about forest resource management and harvesting for landowners. Dick and Jane agreed to begin work on this, with a goal of having something ready to have available in March at Town Meeting. It could also be a resource for residents to pick up in town offices.

5. Bog Walk planning: The annual Bog Walk is scheduled for Sunday, Jan. 27: 2:00-4:00. Lea Stewart is again, enthusiastic about being leader for winter tracking on the frozen bog. Jess will contact the Record Enterprise to have it entered into Talk of the Town. Rebecca will be asked to enter in on our Facebook page.

6. AOB:

a. A recent email had come from the NHMA and NHACC about a webinar titled "Conservation Fund Best Practices". Scheduled for Wed, Dec. 19. Noon-1:00. Participate online at home, work. Registration through a link in the email. Jane and Dick plan on registering to participate and may gather in a common space to do so. There was also discussion about involving others in town, like Carina and Selectboard members, especially since they had brought up some questions about the Conservation Fund when Shannon presented our 2019 budget to them on Nov. 19. Jane will follow up with Carina to see if a) she received the webinar notice and b) if Selectboard members could be encouraged to take advantage of the opportunity to learn more about fiduciary obligations of the CC over the fund, what it can be spent on, disbursement of funds, etc.

b. Conservation Matters article: December is the SLA's turn. Ours will be next month. Ideas were tossed around. Decision will be made at the Jan. 2 meeting, with article due by the second week of the month.

c. Dick reported having attended a UNH workshop on climate change. Most focused on the seacoast/Great Bay area, and alternative power generation, but he's going to review information received at the workshop for information about forest changes anticipated due to climate change. This could be useful to those in this area.

7. Mail:

a. A \$500 donation for conservation purposes had been received from the Parrish Family Fund. Carina had sent us a copy with note it had been deposited into the Conservation Fund. Jess composed a personal thank you from the commission to the family, which will be mailed out.

b. Shoreland Impact Permit # 2018-03172 with conditions for property on tax map #15, Lot #9-11-1. NH Rt 3 & Blair Road. Jane had made a site visit on Nov 11 with 2 other PRLAC members when application came to them for review. No major issues were noted.

c. Complete Trails Notification file # 2018-03430. Tax Map/Lot # 17/6-5, 6-15

Meeting adjourned at 8:30.

Next meeting : January 2, 2019. Shannon to chair.