

**Campton Conservation Commission  
Meeting MINUTES**

6 March 2019, 7pm

Campton Municipal Building

**Members Present:** Jane Kellogg (acting chair), Shannon Garnsey, Jessica Halm, Dick Osborne, Rebecca Steeves

**Others Present:** Dan Boynton, Dave McGraw, Rich Tyler

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 pm.

**Minutes approval:** Shannon moved to accept the February minutes, Dick seconded, and all approved.

**Livermore Falls:** Jane reported that a noontime meeting was held today at the Campton Municipal Building. Attendance was the best it has been in over a year, with several new faces comprised of Campton residents that Jane has actively recruited, as well as some historical society members who have been previously involved. There were 3 state employees representing the various agencies that have been involved in rehabilitation of the property (NH Fish and Game, NH Parks, and NH Forests and Lands) who gave an overview of the progress that has been made since the project's inception in 2012. The interpretive display panels for the west side of the falls have been finalized and are ready for production. The state architect conceded that the paper plans detailing work on the west side have not yet been produced, but part of these plans will include parking for 18-20 cars in the lot obtained from Becket (former Wilson Tire location). The east (Holderness) side of the property saw an intake of approximately \$9,000 due to parking fees; this closely aligns with the \$\$ required to cover summer staffing for the site, so no changes in the fee structure are needed at this time. The state archaeologist, Dave Trubee, gave a report of the findings in 2018. He was very appreciative of the facilities that Campton's municipal building provided in terms of space and technology for presenting. There are plans in the works for more archeological research at the site in 2019, with a focus on the "pre-contact" period (native history). There are also plans to pursue additional research on the industrial history of the site. The State Conservation and Rescue Archaeology Program (SCRAP) will be hosting two 2-week sessions for volunteers and/or students to be involved in this work, from July 8 – August 2, 2019. Rebecca will share this opportunity via the CCC facebook page. There were two students from the Becket School present at the meeting, with accompanying staff, who plan to be involved with this opportunity. Dick asked about the specifics for when actual work would begin on the Campton side of the falls, and Jane responded that beyond mention of some tree removal, interpretive signage design, and vague parking details, no specific plans were in place.

**Conservation Legislation:** As Campton's new state representative, Dick shared some information on bills being presented at the NH House of Representatives dealing with conservation-related issues, including a change in the definition of prime wetlands and leash

laws for trails on state-owned conservation lands. NHACC sends out regular legislative updates, and having Dick's personal insights is very valuable.

**PRLAC:** Dan Boynton has recently been appointed to serve on this committee alongside Jane, who has served as Campton's representative for many years. General info about this committee, when they meet and what they are responsible for, was shared.

**Barry Conservation Camp Scholarship:** The commission collaborated once again with Katie Scambio, CES health teacher, to select 2 students (1 boy, 1 girl) to attend a week of camp during the summer. Shannon, Jane, and Dick helped to interview 10 students, and have recently arrived at a decision on which students will be awarded camperships for the 2019 season. Katie's support throughout the process for the past two years has proven invaluable, as she can provide insights about the students that may not be conveyed in the 10 minute interviews. Dave McGraw asked if financial need was a factor and we confirmed that it was. Paul Yelle has donated \$50 that he has specifically asked to be contributed toward the continuation and possible expansion of these camp scholarships in the future. Discussion ensued as to how we could increase the number of Campton kids that were sent to camp on scholarships in the future. Collaborating with other community organizations was discussed. It was also mentioned that the local chapter of Trout Unlimited offers a scholarship each year. Jane moved to deposit the \$50 donation into the Conservation Fund, and Shannon seconded. All were in favor.

**Town Meeting Prep:** Jane has pulled materials together for town voting day on 3/12 and town meeting on 3/13. The focus this year will be on getting resources into the hands of landowners who may be considering a timber harvest, and to reach out to the general public to educate them about recommended landowner considerations when planning a timber harvest. Jane, Rebecca, and Dick will collaborate to set up the display table, move materials from the municipal building to the school, and tear down after town meeting.

**Wetland application:** The commission previewed a submitted wetland permit application by Dubois and King pertaining to the Deer Run Pond Dam Rehabilitation Project. We should also receive a copy of the DES notification once the application has been reviewed by the state.

**AOB:** Jess is hoping to follow-up with two town landowners and put them in touch with one another about a possible land transaction that could provide a recreational opportunity along the Mad River.

**Next meeting:** Scheduled for April 3, 2019, this meeting will serve as our annual lands management meeting. Jane will invite a resident who has expressed an interest in plowing Blair Woodland Natural Area. Please bring any other thoughts, suggestions about the management and/or use of our town-owned conservation properties to this meeting. Jess will chair.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:01 pm