

Campton Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, June 5, 2019

Members present: Jess Halm, Jane Kellogg, Rebecca Steeves, Dan Boynton, Shannon Garnsey, Dick Osborne

Shannon called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM. Jane taking notes.

1. May meeting minutes approval:

Jane requested to add a few missing details under Incoming Mail. After those were provided, Jess moved to accept, Rebecca seconded. All voted to accept.

2. Conservation Project Update:

Jess gave information about the May 18 visit she and Jane made to property neighbors, the Martins. They were very pleased to learn of the conservation effort beginning. New historical information about the Spokesfield house and old blacksmith shop that had been on the Miller property was learned from the Martins. Dan gave a brief report about his reporting of this effort to the Select Board. The Select Board was positive about the project and open to town ownership of the property if that were to be the end result. The Select Board asked for further updates as they are available.

The commission wondered about next steps, while awaiting more from Tom Howard. It was suggested that a couple of us could inform other interested groups such as the Campton Historical Society and the Snowmobile Club about the project. Jane reported that she had been asked to speak at a recent Campton Forward meeting, where she told that group of the conservation effort under way. There had been strong, positive interest. Jess suggested looking into cycles of grant applications. Jane will follow up by contacting Tom Howard about advisability of next steps.

3. Cub Scouts @ BWNA: Jess reported having lead an hour and a half scouting walk for scouting badges on trees, ecology, habitats, etc. The group of 9 included scouts, siblings and parents.

4. Updates:

A: Livermore Falls: Jane reported nothing of note. West side improvements have continued delays in project planning which must be completed before work there continues.

B: Lands: The Pattee house is on the market and has an interested buyer. There was discussion about meeting the new owner once the sale goes through. Discussion with all Pattee Conservation Park neighbors every so often was mentioned as a positive thing to do.

C: Legislative: Dick filled the group in on passage of recent bills, likelihood for governor's signature, etc.

D: Northern Pass: There was no news after a recent hearing before the NH Supreme Court. A decision is expected in 3-6 months.

5. Incoming Mail:

Letter from the Squam Lakes Association, inviting attendance in a climate change forum on Saturday June 8, 9-11:30.

DES Emergency Notification file # 2019-01233.

6. AOB

Dan reported work by the Select Board on recycling at the town offices. Costs, changes in procedures, etc are being looked into. He also reported the Campton Village Precinct is working on a project to install solar into their system to power energy needs into their water system for the precinct.

Next meeting: normally would be July 3. With July 4th holiday being that week, it was moved and seconded to move the meeting to the following week, July 10. Dick to Chair. There was discussion about the need for a midsummer meeting if there is nothing new to discuss. It was decided a meeting would be held if there was a need to discuss or meet about the land conservation project.