

Campton Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, September 4, 2019

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

Others: Tom Howard, Josh Duhamel

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

1. June meeting minutes: Jess moved to accept, Rebecca seconded. All voted to accept.

NOTE: July's meeting was cancelled due to lack of new items to discuss. In August, there was a lack of quorum. Jess, Dick, and Dan met for work session to review Moose Plate grant materials.

2. Jennifer Maine of White Mountain Karate Studio(WMKS) had requested to meet to discuss use of the Pattee Conservation Park field for parking for a 5K neighborhood run they are planning for early November. Their first choice is Blair Cemetery. Dan reported the Selectboard's discussion of the request for cemetery use. The Commissioners discussed both options, and pros and cons of each. If the Pattee field is used, mowing would be needed. WMKS has a volunteer who would do it. Dan recommended addressing the request with the Selectboard again, with use of the Pattee field as backup. Dan made the motion "to allow for mowing of the Pattee field needed for parking for the neighborhood fun run, by a volunteer; contingent upon the Selectboard not approving Blair Cemetery for parking." Seconded by Jane. All voted to accept the motion. Jess will be the CCC contact person if needed.

3. Conservation project. Tom Howard was present to continue discussion and work toward conservation of properties. Tom reviewed his role as representing the Miller family with their wishes to protect their property for wildlife habitat. Dan, Jess, and Dick reported having met in work session in August to begin reviewing Moose Plate Grant materials. There was discussion about hiring a grant writer to assist us with efforts of acquiring grants such as LCHIP and Moose Plate funding. Without a clear picture of the project budget, it would be difficult to move forward with the Moose Plate application with a deadline of September 13. Tom discussed the market value analysis he had figured. He suggested getting in the cue for a qualified appraisal from a company with expertise in conservation properties so we have this requirement in time for applying for LCHIP funding with a June deadline.

Conversation turned to coming up with an actual offer to property owners. Suggestions were made about use of the town's attorney or Brian Ray who assisted on agreements when we purchased the Pattee property. Dan made the motion: "To schedule a work session with an attorney to discuss the potential real estate purchases and to schedule for a qualified appraisal as soon as possible." Jane seconded. All voted in favor. Tom offered to make a call to George Lamprey to see his firm's availability to do the appraisal work in time for LCHIP June 2020

deadline. Dan began discussing various contingencies we might need to insert into the real estate offers. He encouraged thinking on this prior to attorney meeting. Jane will make contact with attorney Ray.

4. NH Saves Button Up Workshop hosted by Campton Public Library on October 25. Robbin Adams of PAREI had contacted us for our support of the effort being offered all over NH. Jane made a motion "to support the Button Up workshop by helping hand out fliers and get the word out to other Campton residents." Dan seconded. All voted in favor.

5. Global change activities locally: Dick reported about a planned event (Climate Emergency Strike) on Sept. 20 from Noon to 3 PM @ The Green in Plymouth. There are plans for speakers, music, gathering of people to bring attention to the global issue.

6. BWNA: weed wacking around the parking area is needed. Dick plans to do it. Trails may also need some clearing of downed trees.

7. Barry Camp: summer report, plans for next season: Shannon was not at the meeting to report. Plans to put on October agenda.

New Business: Dan reported on a 10 acre plastic-lined pond going in at Owl's Nest Golf Course, within Thornton. He had discussed using sustainable and locally appropriate plantings on the site with the owner/CEO; and suggested using Dr. Steve Whitman of PSU for advice. It seems to have been positively received. This project could be a terrific model for other golf courses to follow. In spite of the work being outside Campton, we will continue to be interested in its progress because of the work area is over the stratified drift aquifer upon which Campton residents depend for water.

Mail:

DES Wetland Permit Notification: File # 2019-00588

Forestry Notification; File # 2019-02505

Realtor letter with listing attached for property for sale on Bog Pond.

Next meeting: October 2. Dan to Chair