

Campton Conservation Commission

Meeting MINUTES

October 3, 2018, 7pm

Campton Municipal Building

Members Present: Jane Kellogg (acting chair), David Peeler, Shannon Garnsey, Jessica Halm, Rebecca Steeves

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

Dave announced his resignation as a commissioner, effective immediately, due to health concerns. His presence and contributions will be greatly missed.

Jane moved to accept the August minutes, Dave seconded, all were in favor.

Updates on ongoing projects:

- **BWNA/Scout outreach:** This past season was our least successful season. Shannon been unable to contact the Rey Center to follow-up about invoicing and subsequent payment for the naturalists that the Rey Center contracted with for 4 of the 6 evening programs. Only about half of the programs were attended, and only one of these was well attended. Looking to the future, we discussed a partnership with the Campton-Thornton Area Boy and Girl Scouts, to offer programs specific to their needs for earning badges, etc.
- **Livermore Falls:** Jane stated that there has not been recent activity in terms of meetings for moving this project forward. Patrick Hummel, volunteer coordinator for state park projects, who has been quite active in involving local groups at Livermore Falls, has had a seemingly sudden change of roles within the state park agency. It is presumed that a new person will be stepping into his former role. Jane will follow-up with Dick Evans to get more information about this transition.
- **Grafton County forester contact:** Rebecca has been in touch with Jim Frohn of UNHCE about some very visible and substantial logging activity along one of Campton's ridges. She has also checked with May Brosseau in the Town Administrator's Office to ensure that all proper protocols have been followed. A letter of intent has been filed. To date, the only known plans for the property are the timber harvest itself. No plans for subdivision or development of any kind have come forward. There had been a proposal w/procedural questions regarding a possible solar farm on the property back in 2017, but no follow-up has occurred regarding this since. Jess encouraged further follow-up with the county forester to determine how we can reach out to landowners about best management practices (BMPs) when they are considering hiring a logger and/or forester for timber operations on their properties. Also, as a commission, we would like to get a better handle on what permits are needed based on different logging scenarios (i.e., intent to cut vs. forestry notifications)
- **Website:** Jess will meet with Leona to make necessary updates to the website, including a write-up on the Barry Camp Scholarship program and updating minutes (this may be through Carina) as well as links to Conservation Matters articles. Dave suggested sharing the thank you letters and/or reports from campers who attended Barry Camp. We also will change our information about Nature Nights to reflect our new partnership with local youth groups, update commissioner info, and the new roadside cleanup route.

Budget Review

- Shannon has recently paid a long-awaited invoice from the Rey Center (\$300 for Nature Nights program leaders), leaving our balance at \$175. No one is available to attend the NHACC workshop this fall, meaning the only remaining anticipated expenses are those associated with Leona's website updates. Shannon will present the same budget as last year to the Selectboard on November 19th.

Incoming mail: there was none.

Other

- Jess is hoping to clear the trails at PCP before snowfall.
- Fall roadside cleanup date was set for Nov. 12th at 8am.
- Shannon read a very nice letter of appreciation from John Shea, Barry Camp Scholarship recipient. We will use this first letter to enhance our recruitment for applications for the 2019 scholarship program.

Next meeting: November 7th. Jane will chair. Shannon will get notebook and key from Dave.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm