

Campton Conservation Commission

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 2, 2019

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

Dan called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM. Jane taking notes.

1. Review of September minutes. Jess moved to accept. Rebecca seconded. All voted in favor.
2. Summary of Climate Strike: Dick reported on the event in Plymouth on Sept. 20. Dan and Jane had also attended and spoke of the good organization, very good speakers, numbers of strikers in attendance. The committee who planned the Plymouth strike has on-going communications through email and other planned activities.
3. Barry Camp: Shannon reported of the positive responses she has received in person from both 2019 camp attendees. She has given them reminders of our expected letters about the experience, with Mrs. Scambio at CES also following up with reminders. Shannon stated enthusiastically, that she will spearhead the next round to begin next month.
4. Pattee Field: Jess reported that she and Jane had met Jennifer Maine at the field to discuss White Mountain Karate's planned 5K event on November 9. They have someone who will mow the section they will need for parking. Jess and Jane went over best areas for parking with Jennifer and looked at the entry off Blair Road. There had been some ditch work which had left a large pile of sand against the stone wall and driving into the field a bit awkward. Jess is working to communicate with the town road agent for some minor assistance to improve the entry. There was additional discussion about having missed the regular mowing for this year and whether we might want to ask the mower for the event to mow the entire field. (See more on this under Budget item below)
5. Blair Woodlands Natural Area: Jane reported having walked the trails recently. Brush whacking around the parking lot is still needed. She also noted that the first bridge seems to be getting "spongy" on the ends of the logs sitting on the ground. Replacement was discussed for the future. Potential as scout projects were mentioned, as well as stone or gravel placement on the banks to support new wood material used.
6. NH Saves presentation: Robbin Adams of PAREI had sent fliers for the home energy workshop presentation planned for October 25 @ 6:30 at the Campton Library. Commissioners took copies to mount around town and were encouraged to attend with a friend or family member. Rebecca will put it onto our Facebook page also.
7. Grant writing: Jane, Jess and Dick reported about traveling to Concord to meet prospective grant writer, Carolyn Singer on September 27. They had discussed her experience working for

the Pemi Baker Land Trust to acquire grant funding, her availability to work for us for funding needed to budget the land conservation project, her rates, and how the commission would work with her to write grants. Dan made a motion "To hire Carolyn Singer, contingent on signed Purchase and Sale agreements, for \$75 an hour, with a ceiling of \$7500; using the town's Conservation Fund monies." Shannon seconded. All voted in favor.

8. Budget: Shannon reviewed our 2019 balance to date, of \$490. Fall workshops are available to sign up for. Dues to PRLAC and NHACC have been paid. Jess made a motion "To spend \$250 for mowing the entire Pattee Field, if the person mowing for the 5K event is willing to mow beyond what they need for parking." Dick seconded. All voted in favor. Jess will contact Jennifer Maine to coordinate.

Jane moved to go into Non Public Session @ 8:37, under RSA 91-A:3 d. Dick seconded. Dan voted yes, Dick voted yes, Jess voted yes, Shannon voted yes. Rebecca had to leave and did not attend the Non-Public Session. The Commission went into Non-Public Session at 8:30pm. The Commission came out of Non-Public Session at 8:54pm.

Correspondence:

DES Forestry Notification file # 2019-027771

Letter from Normando Associates

Other Business: Dan said Sue Ellen Skinner has asked about becoming a member of the Conservation Commission. Having 6 members, we can have one more and 2 alternatives. Jess was encouraging and suggested inviting her to attend a meeting.

Dan also introduced an idea of looking for locations in town for tree planting and/or a community garden. We reviewed discussion in past years about using the Pattee Conservation Park for such activities, but with lack of water, it seemed to be a stumbling block. Other locations in town could be considered.

Next meeting: Nov. 6 Jane to Chair