

Campton Conservation Commission  
MEETING MINUTES  
August 1, 2018

Commissioners Present: Rebecca Steeves (chair), Richard Osborne, Shannon Garnsey, Jessica Halm

Others Present: Myrtle Lewis

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm

1. July minutes approval: Rebecca moved to accept the minutes, Dick seconded, and the minutes were approved unanimously.
2. Nature Nights: Myrtle has attended all 4 programs to date. Attendance at the first three programs varied between 3 and 14 persons, not including Myrtle. The 4<sup>th</sup> program had no attendance, despite good weather and a very well-prepared program. Myrtle shared her concerns that the Rey Center's involvement is merely name-dropping. In preparation for next year, a plan for independently offering Nature Nights was discussed, as well as ways to better advertise.
3. Barry Camp: our two sponsored campers have attended Camp. Shannon reached out to Katie Scambio at CES to request a brief report from each camper. In the future, we will make an expectation for camper feedback more clear during the interview process. Once the school year is underway, we will reach out to the first campers to hear from them how it all went.
4. Livermore Falls: Jane has volunteered at the site twice so far this summer. No new meetings are scheduled at this time. Jane will keep us informed of any new developments.
5. Logging activity: Several areas of town have been heavily logged this summer. Many residents living near these logging operations have inquired about the process for being informed. Dick mentioned the Good Forestry in the Granite State publication and suggested setting up a protocol where landowners get a copy of the BMP recommendations when they file an intent to cut. Jess will contact Jim Frohn, Grafton County Forester, to request more up to date information on the policies and procedures that landowners must follow when planning to harvest timber.
6. Beebe area lands inquiry. A family member of a landowner has been in touch about a large parcel of land in the Beebe River watershed that likely will be on the market in coming months. Other large abutting parcels in the Beebe River conservation property area have undergone substantial changes (i.e., property listings and/or timber harvest). Without a genuine conservation interest on the part of the landowner, these lands likely do not warrant outright purchase by the

Town of Campton. Shannon suggested reaching out to Nancy Bell of The Conservation Fund or other area conservation groups that have been involved with the Beebe Lands (Trout Unlimited, PSU, Fish and Game, etc.) to keep them informed of the potential for these lands to change hands soon.

7. NHACC Annual Meeting and Fall Conference: Save the Date for Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, at Pembroke Academy. This is the only statewide conference offered exclusively to Conservation Commissions in NH.
8. Incoming mail: We received a bill for tree maintenance on the Liberty Elm at Pattee Conservation Park. Shannon will submit this to Carina.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>, 7pm (chair: Shannon)

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 pm