

## Campton Conservation Commission

### Meeting MINUTES

September 5, 2018, 7pm

Campton Municipal Building

**Members Present:** Shannon Garnsey (acting chair), Richard Osborne, David Peeler, Jessica Halm, Rebecca Steeves

**Others Present:** Myrtle Lewis

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

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

Updates on ongoing projects:

- **Barry Camper follow-up:** Informal communication with both campers indicates that their weeks at camp were enjoyed and very successful. Shannon has been in touch with K.Scambio at CES to have each attendee write a short report about their camp experience. Dick pointed out that the purpose of having them do this is not for us, but for the benefit of students pursuing the camp scholarship in the future. One student has moved on the PRHS and may be harder to track down. In the future, we will make this request clear as part of the application process.
- **Nature Nights:** 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:** In Jane's absence, and with Dick's input along with no communication via email, we assumed there were no new developments since our last meeting.
- **Property Updates:** Trails and bridges are in good shape at BWNA. Trails still need a chainsaw at PCP, among other clearing work. There has been some low-grade lumber harvested recently and stacked across from PCP on Blair Rd. Myrtle has done some research about encouraging highbush blueberries through UNHCE. She would like to go to the site to get a feel for the property and the soil for continued research on managing the property for lowbush blueberry. Jess, Myrtle, Shannon and Rebecca made tentative plans to meet there in the coming weeks for site evaluation and trail work.
- **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.

Budget Review

- The CCC is scheduled to present our budget for 2019 on November 19th at 6:30 pm. We currently have \$475 left in our 2018 budget, some of which may be spent on NHACC Conference registration (11/3) and Leona's website work. It was moved (Jess) and seconded (Rebecca) to use money from our annual budget (\$300) to reimburse the Rey Center for costs associated with hiring naturalists for Nature Nights programming. No major changes to the budget are anticipated for the coming year.

Incoming mail: there was none.

Other

- Trout Unlimited is looking for volunteers to help with Beebe River sampling on 9/6, 9/7, and 9/10.
- CHS is holding an evening program about Thornton's WWII Conscientious Objector Camp on Monday, 9/17 at 7pm
- Myrtle has recently learned of an online natural inventory tool called iNaturalist. She is planning to use it to catalog plants at BWNA, as a springboard for rewriting/updating the BWNA trail guide.
- Rebecca has been in touch with Jim Frohn, Grafton County forester, about BMPs pertaining to recent increases in timber harvests in town. She plans to follow-up with him in the coming weeks.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm