

Campton Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, January 2, 2019

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

Jess called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM. Jane taking notes.

1. December meeting minutes: Dick moved to accept, Jess seconded. All voted to approve.

2. Updates:

a. Livermore Falls: Jane reported there is a meeting of the Friends of the Pemi group (open to all interested) on Wed, Jan 16 at Noon at the Campton Town Hall meeting room. Light lunch served. This will be the first meeting in several months, so much to catch up on, report of summer at the park, hear from the state folks about what's happening, reasons for delay on plans on the west side of the falls.

b. Jess and Dick will continue to look for meeting minutes missing in The Binder (Jan., Feb., March, May)

c. Website updates: Jess reported getting together with Leona over holiday break to begin the process. They will meet again soon to continue.

d. We reviewed minutes from the Selectboard meeting of December 17, when Shannon proposed our 2019 budget. Mention of the Barry Camp was incorrectly given as being located in Maine.

3. Campton Bog Walk planning: This will be the 7th annual on Jan. 27 2-4 PM. Lea Stewart is enthusiastically on board again to lead the walk. Jane will contact Karl Kelly who care takes a Bog property to be sure they know of the coming event. Shannon will use last year's flier and update, and post around town. It is already on Facebook page, and the CCC website.

4. Conservation Fund Webinar: Jane and Dick participated live, and Jess listened to the recording recently. There were several points made that the commission discussed. 1) The purpose of the Conservation Fund: in 2006 we wrote a memo, which we reviewed. RSAs listed as reference need to be checked for any recent law changes. Dick will look up for us. 2) Protocols at present for LUCT funds received and deposited into the fund at the end of the year. 3) Protocols for expenditures from the fund 4) Recommendations for documenting and tracking of donations of money or real property to the fund 5) Look into whether donors to the fund receive a notice from the town of their tax deductible donation (besides a thank you note from CCC)

5. Barry Camp Scholarships: Camp options were reviewed. Jane moved, Rebecca seconded to send one boy and one girl to 4-H On The Wild Side (ages 10 to 15) during July 14-19. It will cost \$510 each from The Conservation Fund. Rebecca will let the Barry Camp know by the Feb.

1 deadline. Shannon will get this information to the school in time for notices to go out to families soon, and hopefully interviews can be held before February vacation.

6. Town Meeting Prep/Annual Report:

Jane reviewed work on searching for materials to have available about timber harvesting. There are several handouts that can be offered, website links to recommend, and a few books that could be shown. Dick will gather any he has on hand, we will look through our materials in the cabinet, and prepare a simple poster. There was discussion about leaving such handout materials in the town office, with a notice on the building bulletin board about where they can be picked up or seen on line. More on this at our February meeting.

Annual report: Jane will begin a draft to circulate. With the deadline coming before our next official meeting, we will need to review and approve digitally.

7. Conservation Matters Article: Jess informed us it is now our turn to submit the article this month. She discussed an idea she had about featuring several kinds of individuals who demonstrate conservation ethics. All agreed it would be a good topic. Jess will begin a draft for further work by Rebecca and others.

8. Timber harvesting BMPs Outreach: (also a topic under item 6 above). There is a link of NH Best Management Practices for timber harvesting. We will post the link on our website and also made notice for handout at the town office.

Incoming Mail: Notice of this year's deposit to LUCT funds: \$70.00.

Next meeting: Feb. 6. Shannon to Chair.