

**Campton Conservation Commission  
Minutes for the**

**Virtual Meeting/Hearing via Zoom**

**Wednesday, April 22, 2020(Earth Day)**

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

Dan called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM. Jane taking notes.

Dan opened the Public Hearing for the purpose of informing residents of a purchase and sales agreement for tax-map-lot #9-1-1 between The Miller Family Trust (seller) and the Town of Campton (buyer).

Dan announced the hearing will be recorded and unless called on to speak, voices will be set on mute.

Dan introduced himself and welcomed 21 people who had joined the meeting via Zoom and asked all to state their names for the record. Campton residents: Patrick Miller, Chuck Grand, Alma Grand, Paula Woodward, Susan Skinner, Martha Aquiar, Karen Young, Lester Schwarz, Lea Stewart, Sally Jensen, Paulette Viet, Fran Belcher, Rich Tyler, Dawn Shimberg, Gary Chakin, Peggy Martin. Non residents: Carolyn "Widge" Kent, Tom Howard, Sara Miller, Michelle Miller, Melissa Miller, Dane Miller

Then, Dan introduced each commission member and gave their year of joining the commission.

Jane was then asked to present the project history leading up to this effort.

Jess gave a description of the 152 acre property's habitat qualities, low impact public uses allowed, and history of old buildings no longer there. A map was shown along with several photos taken of vernal pools, the trail with and without snow. She touched upon the property's location in relation to the White Mountain National Forest with one abutting parcel in between with potential for connectivity.

Shannon gave the plans for purchase of the property which includes applying for 2 grants, asking for donations and spending some of the town's Conservation Trust Fund.

Rebecca then gave a description of plans for the property under town ownership which includes stewardship under conservation easement held by the Pemi Baker Land Trust and continuation of snowmobiling and low impact recreational uses previously allowed by the Miller family.

Dan then opened it up for comments or questions. Martha Aquiar and Patrick Miller stated their enthusiasm for the property and the project, and stated a willingness to contribute financially. Sally Jensen asked how much money was needed. More complete draft budget numbers were given (totaling about 250k at present). She stated her support. The fundraising effort being launched later in the week was described. Fran Belcher asked about the interests of the grant funders and whether this projects fits with their missions. She also asked about whether there had been contact with the grant funders to date. Susan Skinner offered her enthusiasm and willingness to take anyone there for walk any time.

Dan closed the hearing at 7:04

2 Non residents then added comments/questions: Dane Miller (one of the owners of the property, attending from Texas) stated he was very pleased to see the awesome support and to know of the plans for

continued uses as have been endorsed by the family. Gary Chakin entered the meeting late and asked some questions. His comments were all positive.

Jane moved, Jess seconded to close the meeting at 7:10. All voted in favor.

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**These minutes were approved at the May 6, 2020 CCC meeting held via Zoom. JK**