

Campton Conservation Commission

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, August 5, 2020

Meeting held outdoors on porch @ 40 Gray Rd, Campton

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

Shannon called the meeting to order at 7:15 PM. Jane taking notes.

1. July minutes: Jess moved to approve; Dick seconded. All voted in the affirmative.

2. Updates:

a. PCP: mowing was done last year prior to the 5K race. If there is a race in November, mowing would be needed again; but otherwise, this would be a year off of mowing. Jess had checked the trails about 6 weeks ago. She will go to check again, after the recent storm, it's likely there could be trees down.

b. BWNA: Dick volunteered to go by with saw to clear any downed trees over the trails.

c. Blair State Forest: Jane reported that timber harvesting should begin there in the coming weeks.

d. Friends of the Pemi: Livermore Falls. Jane reported there has recently been communication to the group about resurgence of work toward improvements on the west (Campton) side of the falls. There will be a West side site visit on Aug. 14 with a small group from the Friends group and state agency partners. Some interpretive panels that have been made will be installed on the east (Holderness) side on Aug. 11. Signs for the west side will be installed later, after improvements to the site have been made.

e. Dan reported that Melanie Luce, of the White Mountain Trail Collective, is interested in meeting the commission and talking about how they could help with trail-building on the West Branch Brook Forest. With November deadline for applying for their work in the next year or two, she will be invited to our next meeting and Dan will get an email chain going in case a site walk with some of the commission on the property could be arranged. In the meantime, he suggests thinking about what we want (trails, kiosk, labor, etc.) toward trails on the West Branch Brook Forest property.

f. Jane reported on recent correspondence with Bob Berti, representing Green Acre Woodlands. They are still working toward a Boundary Line Adjustment on their parcel to sell approximately 25 acres to abutter M. Johnson. A deposit was recently received by GAW as confirmation of moving forward. Dan will follow up with B. Ray to craft a new P&S to present to GAW for the remainder of the lot after BLA approval by the Planning Board, or for the entire parcel in the event that it does not go through or Johnson does not purchase the 25 acres.

g. The property survey for parcel 9-1-1 being done by Kellogg Survey and Mapping is almost complete. A draft was shown. The property acreage surveyed out to be 144.67 acres. Kellogg will be adding the 3 old historic sites. There was discussion about whether we wanted the survey to show the old shack near the brook ledges. Consensus was it was not necessary, since plans are to remove it completely. All lines are now flagged on 9-1-1 and 3-1-1, including the proposed BLA on 3-1-1. The surveyor encourages walking these lines.

3. Grants

a. LCHIP: application materials are all in. The site visit from a couple of people on the committee with 1 CC member is scheduled for the morning of Tues, August 18. The group would normally be with a few more, but not during this time of physical distancing. Jess and Jane have determined that first choice is for Jess to represent the commission. They recently went to the Miller property to review historic site locations.

b. 2 ARM grants (one for each parcel) are being prepared now by Rick Van de Poll as lead, with commission members assisting with some tasks and written sections where he needs our input. Rick had recently been out on the 3-1-1 parcel to do his environmental study research. There was discussion about costs for his work on grant preparation which are only estimated out at an hourly figure. Jane will need to speak to him in the coming days for clarity on numbers for the budget and will get more specifics from him.

c. Moose Plate grant: Carolyn Singer has begun working on it. There was discussion about the entire asking amount of \$20,000 at this point be targeted to the Miller parcel instead of divided between the 2. Dan pulled up the LCHIP budget and plugged in numbers to reflect this small change. It appears that this change would not impact the LCHIP requirements in a negative way. Jane will be speaking with C Singer and make this adjustment to the grant and get a list of tasks the commission will be responsible for. Shannon will begin tracking spending from the Conservation Fund and grant spending.

Shannon adjourned the meeting at 8:50 PM

Next meeting: September 2, 2020. 7:00 PM. Location: TBD. Dan to Chair.