

Campton Conservation Commission
Wed, Nov 11, 2020 4:30 PM (via Zoom)

Chair: Jane Kellogg. Taking notes: Rebecca Steeves- called to order at 4:38pm. Commissioners Jess Halm, Dan Boynton, Shannon Garnsey, Jim Butler present; also Mike Boisvert and Peggy Martin.

Oct. minutes: review. Jess made a motion to approve, Jim seconded. All voted to approve.

Welcome to new Commissioner: Jim Butler: recently appointed by SB and sworn in. Thanks for joining us! Jane also recognized and thanked Dick Osborne for his service as state rep and as a veteran.

1. West Branch Brook Forest Project

Updates: General updates : Jane

Grant updates:

LCHIP: no funding granted; almost \$8 million in requests, with only \$3.5 million granted - very competitive!

ARM: request for \$100K; may have decided yesterday but have not heard.

Moose Plate: \$24K - expect to know late Nov.

Davis CF: 20K expect to know after 11/17

Budget: B-N donation offer (see below under AOB)

Update letter sent to donors - Oct. 16,

Peggy appreciated it and thought it was very well written.

3-1-1 Lot Line Adjustment: approved @ PB 10/13

Appraisal of 3-1-1; ongoing, Jane had gone on the site walk on October 14.

Actions/Decisions: Carolyn Singer Bill for grant writing: tabled from Oct. meeting - agreed amount was \$5000, bill was \$7687.50, but commission had previously approved a ceiling of \$7500. Jess proposed sending \$5000 now and see how future grants come in; Dan seconded, all approved. Shannon will contact Carina to make payment.

2. White Mt Collaborative: Dan/Rebecca

Update/next steps - nothing new at this point.

3. Budget review:

2020: balance status, further spending before end of yr. Possible signage @ PCP

2021: Prep toward presentation to SB: Dec. 7 - Shannon will plan to present and/or write a letter to be presented and Dan can field questions.

4. Other properties:

Blair Woodlands Natural Area (BWNA)

trail status: close parking lot soon - Jane has the cable and signs ready to go.

Pattee Conservation Park (PCP)

neighbor shed construction - was checked by Bill Cheney and is fine. Also, Dan said SB was approached about the large pines on the edge of Pattee being vulnerable to wind when Blair State Forest tree cutting was done. Jane suggested commissioners walk the area to look at marked trees and property lines, and also asked if Dan could get the name of the logger to

contact. Jim also suggested new signage at Pattee parking area and will approach Marvel Sign for estimate.

5K race Nov. 7 - Jess ran, and Jess, Jane and Dick were there to help with parking. Karate group felt that there were probably the same amount of participants as last year (50-100).

5. Livermore Falls: Jane - nothing new but next meeting is next week.

6. Spencer Brook Forest trail inquiry: Jane - received email from resident out near Bump Bridge who had noticed some new trail work being done out there. Jane inquired at DES for permits and there were some on record for new/re-routing of snowmobile trails, but has not seen a plan. Resident had concern that new trails went through wetlands. Jess will ask the local snowmobile club to see if they have any info on it.

7. Barry Camp - Shannon - proposed doing the same camps and last year's selected campers to go in summer 2021. She has reached out to parents and is waiting to hear back, and will contact Barry Camp to secure spots. Jane moved, Jess seconded the Commission to send \$540 per student for 2 students to attend.

8. AOB: Mike Boisvert (Thornton resident) - reached out to Jane to learn more about the commission; wanted to share that about 1 year ago he became interested in working to create a conservation space and wanted to purchase property to conserve as legacy; avid hiker and outdoorsman; found property (~58 acres) this year near WBBF that was appealing and found Tom Hann to look at the property for management (timber harvest, etc.) but while Mike was setting up an appraisal a sale with another buyer made an offer and contract signed. Mike looked at CCC minutes and found info about the property, and would like to make a substantial donation towards acquiring the WBBF, but he is still waiting to hear about the original property he looked at (hope to hear about that in January). Would like the forest named after him and his partner - Boisvert-Normand Forest. He is interested in finding a piece of property that could help and connect the parcels for the WBBF project (a GAW parcel?). Some discussion about various parcels, access, trails, etc.

Roadside clean-up? - will see if we can coordinate with visit to PCP once logger has been contacted.

Frozen Bog Walk - may become a forest tracking walk in the WBBF; Jess will reach out to Lea about the idea and possible dates.

9. Mail

Letter received from NH DOT: CC response requested. Jane reviewed a letter the town received about guardrail work scheduled for next year and could the commission check the land to see if we have any concerns or mitigation ideas. Jess will try to contact the WMNF about what they might know about it. She indicated some concern for the wood turtle and will contact a researcher about possible accommodations for a wildlife corridor.

Next meeting: Dec 2. Jess to Chair

Submitted respectfully by:
Rebecca Steeves

