

Campton Conservation Commission
Minutes for December 2,2020
Meeting at 7:00pm via Zoom

1. Welcome/introductions Members: Jane Kellog, Jess Halm, Dick Osborne, Jim Butler, Dan Boynton, Shannon Garnsey. Guests: Peggy Martin, Ian Halm, Diane Arsenault she just finished the UNH Coop Coverts program and wanted to reach out to CCC; we did member introductions and she sat in on the meeting.

2. Review/approve November minutes - Dan motion, Jane seconded. Approved.

3. WBBF:

* Grant status - Moose plate grant awarded for \$24,000 with a few steps of due diligence; Davis applied for \$20,000 and received \$5,000 and check has already arrived. Did not receive any LCHIP grant.

* Budget review - We now have \$104,000 in grant funding, have \$26,000+ in donations, agreed on amount of \$205,000 for land; reviewed spreadsheet of expenses, grants, paid & future costs, funds, etc. Determined ability to move forward with Miller parcel 9-1-1 purchase.

* GAW appraisal results - higher than anticipated, but without LCHIP grant, we don't have enough for this purchase. Jane spoke again with Mike Boisvert and Jon Normand about the possibilities and the details of a land purchase/donation to the town; she proposed a memorandum of understanding. Dan suggested ideas for signage and naming of the 2 forests and trails.

* Next steps:

* ARM "due diligence checklist" - from Lori Sommer at DES - Jane will talk with her in the next week or so about the list of tasks to be done.

* PBLT involvement - Jess will reach out with an email to update them and ask about stewardship fees, next steps.

* GAW plan of action - can P&S deadline be delayed due to cost and purchase possibilities? Dan will call Brian tomorrow to consult about how to proceed on an agreement with Boisvert-Normand.

* Other - Jane mentioned sending an update to donors on grants and new potential of GAW property to WBBF donors; we would also need a public hearing if things move forward with GAW property. Lamprey invoice for GAW appraisal. Dan made a motion to pay, then Jane seconded, approved so Shannon will get in touch with Carina.

4. Land management:

* PCP:

Blair State Forest Timber Harvest and walk w/Grafton County Forester Jim Frohn and Ian Halm on PCP- Blair State Forest is undergoing a tree harvest; forester on the harvest Mike Sharp is concerned about the possible wind damage to PCP trees due to this harvest, which can continue up to Dec.15. The forester has offered to do work for us, but we don't have enough time to formulate a management plan for the property. Project may resume in June, or July, if they do not finish by Dec 15 this year; so we could reconnect then. We may be able to put it off for now if the project is not finished by Dec. 15. Ian has offered to meet on the property with members and the county forester - Dick will get in touch with Jim Frohn to schedule a walk.

New signage - Jim brought up the current sign - paint is peeling and somewhat unreadable; proposed new wording and sign ideas-review of current guidelines and update of wording and structure - where to mount, paint vs.router or both, board, etc. Dick has some unfinished slabs that could be used. Jim also looked up town sign ordinances to review and do we need approval, Dan will check. Jim will get some quotes.

* BWNA:

Parking closure - not yet, but Jane has the sign when weather becomes an issue. Jess reached out to Lea Stewart about tracking walk, and they thought BWNA would be a nice site for it (since the bog has not been freezing over), but parking would need to be arranged (at the restaurant or map shop). Jess will continue to move forward with this.

5. Barry Camp update - Shannon confirmed we have 2 spots, the girl who was selected last year has accepted for next summer, and Shannon expects a decision back soon from the boy's family.

6. SE snowmobile trail reroute update - Spencer Brook trail rerouting and upgrade with culverts and bridges project-Jane obtained a copy of the applications from DES - was 1 for a fish pond and the other for trails. They look to be in compliance after Jane and nearby residents walked there recently.

7. Conservation Matters for (early) December 2020 - our turn was November, but some confusion, so we are up! Jess will draft something about how nature can look messy but it is part of the process and send it around.

8. Campton ridgeline timber harvest ordinance - Dan suggested this since the town is renewing/updating ordinances, next Planning Board meeting is coming up and is this on the list. Jim suggested working to get it as a warrant article, but that deadline may be in the next week or so.

9. NHDOT Rt. 49 mitigation inquiry - State guardrail project and Jess is in touch with fish and game folks regarding particular species that would be impacted.

10. Livermore Falls - last meeting was on Nov. 17, Jane reported that ownership of the pumpkinseed bridge will not be gained by the state. Next meeting on Dec. 16 at 12:00pm will be a Zoom meeting to discuss vision, best uses, for the west side.

11. Incoming mail-none

12. Other? - none

Next Meeting: **Wednesday, January 6th, 7pm, via Zoom - Jim will chair**