

Campton Conservation Commission
Minutes for September 2, 2020 @ 7 PM

Chair: Dan Members present: Jane, Jess, Shannon, Rebecca. Public present: Jim Butler, Peggy Martin

Taking Notes: Rebecca

1. August Minutes: Review & approved

2. WBBF project updates:

- ARM Grant - 2 grants with the deadline this past Monday. Rick Van de Poll was instrumental in getting the grant finalizations done. The grants have been received and would like to make a site visit in the next month or so. Rick has offered to come on the visit. The other project in our watershed applying for the grant is with the NH Fish & Game and Ben Nugent and should we do mutual visits? Now we wait. 2 bills from Rick came in (less than original estimate), so Jane moved to have Shannon submit payment (in separate checks), Dan seconded and was approved. Bill from Kellogg Survey and Mapping should be coming in soon.
- LCHIP site visit - Jess did a great job of being the guide for the group. Jane completed a report about the visit. 65 applicants, about 15 conservation projects, but 1st time Campton has applied - appearances by a pair of BTBW and salamanders. There was concern about removing the abandoned "camp" and Dan said it could be cleaned up and hauled to the dump easily. Peggy expressed interest in scheduling this sooner than later; tentatively scheduled for the weekend of September 19, with the 20th as a rain date. Dan will secure a truck and trailer to haul debris. Some tires will be removed too.
- White Mountain Trail Collective - Dan shared that WMTC is a non-profit with funding to improve trail construction and will be in our area next year. Applications are due in November and are looking for a project to connect Holderness and Campton along Rt. 175. Jane, Jess and Peggy did a site visit on Aug. 21 with Melanie of WMTC - are very cognizant of environmental and wildlife considerations, and are working on a variety of other uses and projects in the area. Peggy agreed that Melanie was full of energy and great ideas for trail work, local resources, and helpful tips for the process. She indicated that a 3 mile loop on the property beyond the vernal pool would be a good goal. The area should be promoted as a family area, not for heavy use, with parking and signage. Dan thought we could dedicate some CCC money to collaborate with WMTC's efforts; work wouldn't happen until 2022. Do we want the loop trail to be accessible? Jane thought the snowmobile could serve as the accessible trail and the 3-mile loop could be more of a nature trail and without machines. Rebecca will move forward in the application process.
- 311 P&S - September 14 is the drop dead date for the agreement. Discussion of the status and progress of documents, Jane and Dan coordinated communication to ask for an answer from Bob Bertie by September 10.
- Moose Plate Grant - due September 10. Jess clarified that the most recent version was sent to Carolyn, and Jane will follow up with her on Friday to finalize information. Jess did some work to text, and Shannon worked on photos so Jane will look at sizing to submit.

- Peggy shared that Lester Schwartz (who lived on the Miller property) is moving away if anyone wants to talk with him before he leaves. He may be leaving in a month or less, so Shannon will reach out again.

3. Livermore Falls Update - Jane shared that on Aug 14 there was a meeting at the falls with 2 new state reps, Jessie Powers and Andrew, getting caught up on the progress of the project. Noticed more trash and graffiti and discussed improvements and ideas for the area; hoping there will be interest from Campton town officers (PD, selectboard, etc.) to move forward with improvements. Jane will keep us posted.

4. Review budget for present year - Shannon had emailed updates of recent bills. Will revisit budget at next meeting.

5. Fall workshop opportunities? - NHACC Fall Conference on Saturday, November 7, 2020, registration not open yet.

6. Mail / AOB

- Jim moved to Campton about 5 years ago, sees value in the resources of our town and public stewardship of them, and is interested in joining the commission. He is a software developer and a great outdoorsman. Each member introduced themselves to Jim and talked about how we came to the Commission.
- Jess wondered if we should update the donors about the status WBBF Project - email, letter, Facebook, or how...? Jim thought Campton Forward could do an update as well. After next week we can say all of the grants have been submitted, etc. Jess thought maybe on the debris clean-up day we could brainstorm. Jane will put together a blurb by or around September 14- Rebecca will post on FB, Dan will post on CCC website, and Jim can distribute to CF.
- Jess was contacted by Jen Maine from White Mountain Karate about using Pattee Conservation Park as the starting point for the 2nd Annual Veteran's Day 5K. She indicated that we would not necessarily mow this year, but it is long so maybe just mow part of it. The commission is agreeable to allowing them to use the field but could they mow if they thought necessary...? Jess will talk more with Jen.

Adjourned at 8:41pm.