

Campton Conservation Commission
 Wed, Jan 13, 2021 7:00 PM (via Zoom)
 Rescheduled from Wed, Jan 6, 2021 7:00 PM

Chair: Jim Butler. Members: Rebecca Steeves, Jane Kellogg, Jess Halm, Dan Boynton, Dick Osborne. Guests: Peggy Martin.

1. Minute taking for this meeting - Rebecca
2. December minutes: review, approve - Jane made motion to make minor edits, Rebecca seconded - were approved with amendments.

3. West Branch Brook Forest Project

Updates: Jane - letter to update donors for project went out Dec 10. Brian Ray is putting together and sending around documents for review. Due diligence items for ARM and Moose plate grants need to get worked on, maybe due at the end of the month. Jane will follow-up with what is needed and notarization of items in the next week or so. Jan 27 at 4pm is a Zoom to debrief the LCHIP grant we did not receive. Jane did reach out to Mike Boisvert to see if he wanted to walk the property - this coming Sunday at 11am. He had made a FB post about the potential acquisition and upcoming walk, he is very enthusiastic.

PBLT: Jess - she updated the Land Transaction Committee (sub-group of PBLT) of the progress of land purchase, meeting on Jan. 27 at 7pm with PBLT to continue to move forward with the collaboration with PBLT. CCC will create a sub-committee for WBBF project to attend (Jess, Jane, Jim).

4. Green Acres Woodland Project

Updates: Jane - On 12/22, there was a conference call about P&S for GAW and the CCC consensus was to step away from the potential purchase due to lack of funding and Brian Ray sent a letter.

Deposit: held in escrow - we need to decide tonight how to proceed with this; Jim made a motion to deposit the \$5000 back into the Town Conservation Fund, was approved. Jane will contact Brian Ray. George Lamprey reached out for payment for appraisal, it has now been reconciled.

Sunday 1/17/21 11AM walk with Mike Boisvert and Jon Norman - they are hoping to get a P&S with GAW; Ideas of side trails will be discussed on Sunday, as well as the history of the Spokesfield family and natural features present, Peggy may be able to attend. Dan expressed interest in having the CCC revisit a P&S with GAW if no agreement is reached with private buyers, as LCHIP deadlines will be coming around again.

Parking - Peggy has offered to allow 4-6 cars to park in her driveway.
 Face Masks and social distance guidelines to be followed.

5. Other properties:

Blair Woodlands Natural Area (BWNA)

*Any updates or concerns - Jane indicated that the parking lot is closed for the winter. The first bridge needs some attention; maybe a work day in the

spring, Cub Scouts to take this on (Shannon)? Dan suggested having an annual maintenance schedule for our properties (signage, land care, etc). Jane suggested that we have a longer discussion about this at our April land management meeting. Short discussion about the possibility of winter parking at BWNA - will be included at our April meeting.

Pattee Conservation Park (PCP)

*Update on new signage - Jim reached out to Marvel Sign but they are closed due to COVID and he did not have any luck finding another; he will continue looking around and we'll discuss more at our April meeting.

*Update on Clearing - Plan to discuss at our April meeting.

*Update on prescribed burning of meadow - plan to discuss at our April meeting; town fire chief is supportive and it could be helpful for the blueberries. Jess and Jane will be attending a Zoom workshop about forests and controlled burns on conservation properties offered by NHACC later this month.

*Steps for Forest Management Plan - see Jane's notes in Google Docs from December 10 walk with county forester to discuss at our April meeting. Jim suggested taking good notes about our land management practices to include as an article for Conservation Matters.

6. January winter tracking walk planning: Jess - Lea Stewart does not want to encourage a gathering due to COVID, so we can encourage others to take a walk on the town properties and could post pics (Facebook).
7. 2020 Annual report for town report: Due date: Jan 29
Circulate draft/approve via email - in Google Docs for all to review and edit; have all edits completed by Jan. 22; Shannon will work on paragraph on Conservation Fund. Jane will send reminders.
8. Livermore Falls: Jane - on 12/16, the group had a visioning session where all present expressed ideas and notes were taken by State folks. Next meeting has not been scheduled.
9. Propose to rename Agenda and Minutes YYYY-MM-DD Agenda, YYYY-MM-DD Minutes so that they are in order and easier to find: Jim will update the document titles in our folder.
10. Incoming Mail -
Letter received from NH DOT: CC response requested: status of follow up? - Jess reached out to Fish & Game and USFS but has not heard back, and will get in touch with DOT for more information.

Amanda Lucas inquired to Jess about donating for the WBBF project so be on the lookout for a check.
11. AOB - Dan mentioned a climate change report that was recently published that includes sustainable agriculture as a focus, and some towns are making a subcommittee of CC to support items in the report. He will forward report to members.

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Both Campton Elementary students who were selected for the Barry Conservation Camp for this summer are very excited and hopeful to attend.

Next meeting: Feb 3. Chair: Shannon