

Campton Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
March 3, 2021 7:00 PM (via Zoom)

Chair: Dick Osborne at 7:02pm - Present: Dan Boynton, Jim Butler, Jess Halm, Jane Kellogg, Rebecca Steeves (minutes)

1. Feb. minutes: review & approve - approved.

2. West Branch Brook Forest Project updates -
 - ~ PBLT (Meeting 2/24/21) - Jess updated the Land Transaction Committee (sub-group of PBLT) on the progress of land purchase, PBLT advised us to move forward with the collaboration with PBLT. CCC has created a sub-committee for WBBF project to attend (Jess, Jane, Jim). Dan will keep SB abreast of progress and ask if they want to see or know anything specific about the transaction; he will present a draft when available. Jim suggested providing smaller bits along the way and could start with a synopsis that he will share with Dan for this purpose. Jess suggested to include that we are following town easement protocol and DES guidelines. Jim has become an active contributing addition to the commission and specifically with this project.
 - ~ ARM Grant - Jane has been moving this forward and the necessary paperwork for receiving grant funds will go to the G&C shortly. Moose Plate Grant - due in a week and a half and waiting for Carina to finish up with providing info needed for the grant. This was mis-noted in SB minutes so we cannot use the minutes as verification for the contractor signature (Dan Boynton); now with SB not meeting until the day of grant deadline, instead could use a letter from Carina if minutes cannot be corrected.
 - ~ Fundraising - Shannon and Jane discovered that a donation from May was mistaken as \$50 but was actually \$5000!! So total donations were around \$32,000!!

3. Green Acres Woodland Project
 - ~ Updates - Jane reached out to Mike Boisvert and he indicated no new news.

4. Pattee Conservation Park Sign
 - ~ Update - Jim said that wording needs to be finalized.
 - ~ Sign Verbiage - Document with ideas was reviewed; Jane and Rebecca shared photos of signs from other natural areas, and suggestions were discussed; will continue to wordsmith and discuss at Lands Management Meeting next month.

5. Prep for April 7: Annual Lands Management Meeting
 - ~ Items to discuss - BWNA and PCP maintenance - it looks as though we will have a 3rd property to manage and this includes writing a management stewardship plan (ARM template in Google Docs) to work on; use the "Suggest" option to enter ideas. Jim and Jess

thought that with PBLT there needed to be a forest plan done by a forester. Jess will ask Janice Mulhearn for clarification.

~ Outreach to neighbors/ others? Post on FB, public notice on town website, pass along to Campton Forward, and Jane and Jess will reach out to a few interested parties. Jess expressed that it would be good to share the past year and get suggestions/questions from neighbors and interested residents.

~ Set agenda? - Jane will draft and send around prior to meeting as chair.

6. Town Meeting: postponed to May 12 - we will be meeting the week before so we can decide what to bring/display.
7. NHDOT Response to Rt. 49 Letter sent - Dan will confirm that letter was sent after final review at February meeting.
8. Frosty Sobetzer and easements around Bog Pond - Jane was contacted by a resident who was looking for additional information about the Bog area; she sent along information, and the response was an interest in a conservation easement and is making steps in that direction, will be in touch with the Commission.
9. Incoming Mail - not aware of any.
10. AOB: Jess shared an inquiry from FB for information about an old sawmill on Bog Brook; Jess will respond and pass along Paul Yelle's contact info.

Adjourned at 8:20pm.

Next meeting: April 7, 2021

Chair: Jane