

CAMPTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Aug 4, 2021 @ 7 PM

Town Hall Meeting Room

Meeting Chair: Jane Kellogg. Minutes: Rebecca Steeves. Present: Jess Halm, Jim Butler, Dick Osborne.

Jane called the meeting to order at 7:07pm.

1. Review, approval of July 7 minutes - Rebecca made a motion to approve the minutes, Jim seconded it and minutes approved.

2. Pattee Conservation Park (PCP)

Liberty Tree care: treatment, weeding - herbicide was applied on July 22, Jim will return to pull the dead grass & weeds wood chips will be spread within the next few days by Jim and Dick. Jane made a motion, second by Dick, to authorize 50% (or \$125) to reimburse the Garden Club for the herbicide application - approved. There will be a cost of \$75 for our share for the deep root fertilization in the fall.

New sign was installed on Thursday, July 15 by Jim, Dick, Ron R., neighbor Bill Dauer.

Plans for controlled burn (Jess) - CTFD is on board and up for doing it in the fall for their monthly training session. Jess will coordinate with Ian on when, based mainly on conditions (likely October or November).

Plans for beginning on forest management plan: schedule property walk maybe in the fall (refer to Jane's notes from spring walk with county forester). We may look at the management plan for the adjacent State Forest. John Martin or Shawn Lagoo are local foresters we could consult for PCP and WBBF as well. Jane made a motion to have Bill Dauer to improve the non-Liberty elm tree near the parking, Jess seconded - approved. Jane will contact him.

3. WBBF project:

Conservation Fund: present balance review, updates (Shannon) - Jane received notification that 23,500 of the Moose Grant money was deposited into the Conservation Fund; the remaining \$500 will be sent along when last documents about the funding are finalized. Tom Howard notified Jane that he is no longer consulting on the project; we should now communicate with Melissa Miller.

Present closing date: by Aug 31 - Jane feels that we will know in the next week if we will meet that deadline.

Conservation Easement Deed progress - had been waiting for feedback from Miller family; Their attorney sent suggested edits and additions late last week, Jane, Jess and Jim met with PBLT committee and need to work out next steps. PBLT has asked the commission to enter into an agreement that in the event the property sale does not go through, the commission would cover its legal fees from today on - motion made by Jane, seconded by Jess - approved.

Management and Stewardship Plan: work needed? ready to approve? - Jim made a motion to table to the Management & Stewardship Plan due to the feedback given by the PBLT; Jess seconded - all approved.

Possible/probable need for addl. CCC meeting later in August: potential dates? - tentatively Wednesday, August 18th.

Miller family requests:

1) Updated appraisal for tax purposes (not asking for a change to selling price agreed to in P&S) - some group discussion and the effects on closing; 2) Zoom gathering with a sub-group (August 12 @ 7pm) and 3) to see the Management & Stewardship Plan (not yet approved).

4. BWNA

updates? - none

5. Livermore Falls: no update. Jane will be out on Sunday as a greeter on the Holderness side.

6. Correspondence - copy of Moose Plate deposit.

7. AOB/ Facebook - we will contact Nik Coates about appropriate procedures for commission communication outside of official meeting times.

Adjourned at 8:25pm.

Next regular meeting: Sept. 1. Jess to Chair.