

Campton Conservation Commission
Minutes

Wednesday April 6, 2022 7pm

Shannon Garnsey called the meeting to order at 7:02pm. Commissioners: Jim Butler, Jess Halm, Jane Kellogg, Dick Osborne, Rebecca Steeves (taking minutes)

Welcomed members of the public. (Mark Runquist, Suellen Skinner, Paul & Gail Hubbard, Tom & Diane Caruso, Reed Harrigan, Joe & Roberta Aliperti, Bill Copeland, Diane Arsenault, Carol Lenahan)

1. Property Discussions: Review property maintenance needs, determine and list work to be done, assign Commissioner to spearhead each project, and involve community volunteers. Jane facilitated the recording on chart paper:

- a. Blair Woodlands Natural Area (BWNA)*
 - Open parking lot
 - Update kiosk information
 - Mailbox and what to put in there (bird list, trail map, etc.)
 - Check & maintenance to bridges
 - Trail clearing
 - Reblazing of trails

- b. Pattee Conservation park (PCP)*
 - Decision on diseased pine trees (leave to nature or cut? Signage comparing managed vs. not, with BSF next door)
 - Reinforce parking fence
 - Maintenance of elms (Liberty tree and fence, and 1 near the parking area or replace with serviceberry shrub, etc.)
 - Mowing schedule (burned last year, not mowing this year)

- c. West Branch Brook Forest (WBBF)*
 - Parking area bids and driveway permit (per town process)
 - Contact Campton Historical Society (Sugar House area, artifacts, etc.)
 - Kiosk (keeping everyone in mind to feel safe & welcome)
 - Signage for different property owners along the Miller Trail
 - Possible loop trail in the future
 - Boundary markers by PBLT

*Date for a Work Day at BNWA - 4/30 9am-12pm (5/1 12-3pm rain date); others to be determined.

Various tasks were taken on by commissioners to be responsible. Rebecca is going to type up that list.

Question from a member of the public about a possible property in default on Ellsworth Hill - status and possible interest? CCC is not familiar with it but could ask around.

2. March Minutes: Review/approve - Jane made a motion to approve, Shannon seconded - approved.

3. Finances

d. Budget and Conservation Fund balances review - spent \$590 to date, total of \$1100. CF balance is \$98,123.06 (plus interest)

e. Barry Camp invoice - \$1080 for 2 students to attend this summer. Jane made a motion to pay this invoice, Jess seconded - approved.

4. Website Update - Jim has been updating it and updating Conservation Matters and meeting minutes.

5. Saving Special Places Workshop report - Jane had an idea to include a mention of the land and Native People of this area, an Abenaki trail along the river at BNWA along with a bird list. Jim mentioned the Corridor workshop also; there are links to a map of potential corridor locations.

6. AOB - Jane noted that the final reporting to the State Conservation Committee for the Moose plate grant is due April 30 to receive the final \$500. She asked Shannon to assist with the final budget numbers and Jess will write a press release (Conservation Matters article) that is another requirement.

7. Mail - Paper invoice from Barry Camp (had already received a digital copy)

Meeting adjourned at 9:18pm.

Next meeting: May 4. Chair: Dick. Maybe meet beforehand at WBBF.