

## Campton Conservation Commission

### Minutes

Wednesday, August 10, 2022, 7pm

**Called to order at 7:01pm by Jess; Jane, Bill, Shannon, Glenn, and Rebecca present; Jim present via Zoom. Public present: Peggy Martin**

1. Approve July Meeting Minutes - Jane made a motion to accept, Rebecca seconded; approved.

2. Old business:

BWNA: Kiosk status: Jane and Ron have been working on map and species lists. - They went there this morning and Ron is doing a GPS map of trails and Jane is putting together a list of herbaceous plants and birds. Trails see to be in good shape but there is a dead tree that is leaning over the trail.

PCP: Plantings: Doing ok even considering deer eating foliage - Blueberries were good but are gone by; the new plants are doing well and hopefully more rain. May need to check condition of the Liberty Elm tree; Jim will ask Carol of the Garden Club about an Autumn Blaze tree to add there.



WBBF: - Parking area summary - Work is done and looks awesome!

Tree work: \$5,000, paid

Excavation: \$12,000, due 8/12:

- Web and Vehicle Traffic data

- Fence:

\* reimbursement to Jane; \$274.11 - Shannon made a motion to approve these funds; Jess seconded - approved.

\*reimbursement to Jim; \$338.22- Jane made a motion for Jim to be reimbursed from the Conservation Fund; Jess seconded - approved.

- Excavation Invoice

- Apron paving - Jim is in touch with GMI to do this when they are in the area.

- QR code web page (use QR code or <http://www.camptonconservation.org/wbbf> to view) - Jim is using Google analytics and tracking traffic - mian page gets most hits. Great job Jim!! And thanks to Ron and Ron for the maps! Jim will link the QR codes and the main page. The same information will also be posted on the kiosk for non-phone users.

- Temporary signage - all donated - Thank you to MegaPrint!! Artwork by Glenn Rummler - Thank you Glenn - they look super!!

- 3-1-1 Access / update website if signs not posted? - Signs have been given and cordial interactions with neighbor. Jess suggested putting up a sign when entering the WBBF property when coming from the Forest Service side. There was some discussion about making sure the signage is posted and the message about use is clear.

- 911 Address - Jess called the fire chief today to check about the 9-1-1 for the property.

- Snowmobile club: new gate chain and sign, fix culvert, sign about sharing the trail - Jess reached out to them about replacing the old cable across the trail, a damaged culvert that is sticking up (Peggy will flag it), and a sign about sharing the trail with walkers/skiers.

- Animal waste sign, dispenser, and bags. (\$170 dispenser, \$140 bags 2K compostable) - Jim has been researching some options for this. We may just wait and see if there becomes a need for this.

- Port-a-Potty rental - There was a bump out made in the parking area for a port-a-potty in the future but we will not install one now.
- Old gate - Jane explained that there are 2 parts that need to be taken away but if we keep them, we could put them up for winter use. Jim mentioned an aluminum gate that would be maintenance free and keep it there for whenever we might want to close it. For now, Jess will tuck the old gate in the bushes and we'll consider it again for fall.
- Kiosks - Jane shared that Jim and Ron talked about kiosk ideas and Ron drafted some ideas. It is a 2-sided board so there was discussion about what could go on either side - 1-side could be static info and the other side more seasonal, make it ADA compliant, orientation of structure...? Some concern of having too much varied information on 1 kiosk, so ideas of 2 or putting some of the information signs on the fence or a separate post. Jane will get an estimate from Ron for 1 kiosk. Peggy indicated that there is poison ivy along the trail and will mark it for removal by Jess.

Livermore Falls updates? - Jane does not have any and was not a greeter, so does not have information from the state. No meetings have been held; last meeting was in May. In those minutes, Jane noticed that the state positions seemed a bit in flux.

Any other old business? - None

### 3. New business:

- Incoming mail/email

Email from Northern New England Pathfinders, a youth organization operated by the Seventh-day Adventist Church. On September 23-25 the Pathfinder clubs in NH, ME, and VT will be camping at Branch Brook in Campton. They are hoping to find a few service projects that we could spend a few hours working on the morning of Sunday, Sep 25., two groups of 10-20 supervised kids aged 10-17. They have insurance. - Jess thought they could plant the Autumn blaze tree, re-blaze the trees at PCP and BWNA, erect the railings for the BWNA bridge...? Bill mentioned some general trail work/clearing (BWNA). Jane suggested pulling the pines up at PCP, and Jess added that they could weed inside the Elm fence, blazes and general trail work (1 group). Jane will check on someone with a truck with a water tank for the tree planting. Jim will confirm we have the tree. Jess will reply to the group.

- Minor updates to website, formatting main page, no picture - Jim made some changes and updated some formatting within the WordPress site. He's interested in making the page more interactive and dynamic with postings, etc. and on various social media platforms. Glenn can help with this. Some discussion of things to add to the page and ideas of how to get information out there. We'll get some pictures to Jim; Shannon created a Google folder "Website Photos" in the Drive within the "Website & CM articles" folder.
- Events on the main website need to be updated. Should it be "News and Events"? - Maybe remove this and add the events to our main page.
- Should we add aquatic life to the mission statement/website, to better align with WBBF easement/purposes? - "varied habitats" is included in our mission statement.

Any other new business? - a state permit notification for our review in the mail.

Meeting adjourned at 8:47pm.

4. Next meeting: Wednesday, September 7th,, 7pm (Chair: Shannon)