

Campton Conservation Commission
Nov. 2nd, 7pm
Campton Municipal Building
Minutes

Commissioners present: Jim Butler (chairing), Jane Kellogg, Bill Copeland, Shannon Garnsey, Jess Halm, Rebecca Steeves (minutes). Called to order by 7:07pm.

1. Approve October 12 minutes - Jane moved to approve, Jim seconded; approved (Shannon abstained).

2. WBBF

* Kiosk - Jane and Ron have purchased materials (\$299.76), and Jess went over to help with some construction this past weekend. The sides and board are built, but will be taken apart to stain. Need to decide on stain/color and roof material. Jim invited people to join him Sunday at 11:00am to excavate where the kiosk will go. Some discussion about logistics of transporting the kiosk as well as the posts to mount it on and when/how to dig the holes. We decided on a stain color (Sherwin Williams: Baja beige, semi-transparent) and Jane will pick it up tomorrow. Once the staining is done, we could install the kiosk and worry about signage later.

* Gate - Keeney Welding- Jane spoke to Craig Keeney and his work looks like what we need; he was unable to give a price due to steel price fluctuations. He asked about the gate location and slope to get an idea of the swing of the gate. At this point, we don't know if posts can get into the ground before winter. Jane will follow up with him and offer to meet him at WBBF to discuss the gate location details. Some discussion about the gate specifics (posts, signage for it, bracket ideas, etc.)

* Signs: for gate, kiosk, post, other? - Jim is checking with MegaPrint to see if they can router the main WBBF plaque. Some discussion about the main sign (colors and content). Jess, Jim and Glenn may get together to draft some sign content; Jane is getting some historic information together.

* Paved apron complete

* Letter for Pemi Valley Excavating - Jess offered to write them a letter recognizing the discount we received (for their tax purposes). Jim will draft a letter and has the amount.

* Other - Jim trimmed the grass and Jane and Peggy pulled bittersweet. She also noticed some debris in the bushes and along the start of the trail that can be removed on working days.

3. PCP

* Liberty Elm care - Jim reported that the annual upkeep has increased to \$100 and there is a request for an additional cost of \$150 to "treat" the tree since it is not looking healthy. The Garden Club has approved the additional treatment for this fall, as a bit of a last effort to save the tree. The commission will continue to support the Garden Club in caring for the tree. Jane moved to approve funds (\$100 from budget and \$150 from the Conservation Fund), Jess seconded; approved.

* Veteran's 5K - Jess in touch with event coordinator from White Mountain Karate; Tim Harvey has volunteered to mow for parking and the run is happening at 9:00am on Saturday, November 12. There is also a Veterans memorial dedication here at the Town Hall on Friday, November 11 at 11:00am.

* Other - Jim was out watering and the neighbor, Clint Lane, asked about taking out some shrubs near his property. Jane continued the conversation and it sounded like he was hoping to look for remains of a stone wall under the bushes; she let him know that we discuss the management of our properties at our April meeting. Jess suggested doing our fall clean-up before the 5k event; she will be in touch with Jane to coordinate.

4. BWNA

* Closing parking - not until snow flies; Jane has the sign and cable. She shared that a couple of pieces of PVC that could slide on the cable would be helpful for visibility.

* Trim parking lot edge, remove lumber, other winter prep work - Jess will take care of this. Jane is working on the lists of plants and birds observed there while Melissa Greeawalt had been doing her PSU research there a few years ago. Once done, she will get it to Jim to assign a QR code to it and post on the website. They will also be mounted on the kiosk with other updated materials.

5. Budget

* Selectboard meeting, 11/28 @3:30pm. Shannon will present.

* Two donations to the Conservation Fund in memory of Leah Gray - a check from her cousin for \$300; Jane sent her a thank you. \$50 from Maple Tree Farm in Concord, where Leah had bought maple syrup for years and he remembered her talking about the property; Jane invited him to visit BWNA and sent a thank you note.

6. Beebe River Land Sale - Jim had seen an article about the sale of property ~\$4 million and was wondering what/where it was; Jane recapped that about 5,000 acres in the NE part of town that was purchased years ago by The Conservation Fund to preserve it; there was work done to restore trout habitat (culverts, etc.) by Trout Unlimited. The property was recently sold by TCF to a German-owned timber investment company and the holder of the conservation easement is the State of NH.

7. Incoming Mail - copies from DES about snowmobile trail permit applications. PRLAC requested a contribution and letter from NHACC dues for next year for budgeting purposes. Copy of wetland permit application from DOT for work on culvert under Rt 3 where Bog Brook crosses and enters the Pemi..

8. NHACC Annual Meeting 11/5 - no one attending.

9. Livermore Falls Update - none

10. Update Bulletin Board in CMB Foyer by 11/8 - Jane removed outdated information; Jim will get a QR code and map for WBBF to put up.

11. Other new (or old?) business - Jane mentioned that we should think about starting the annual report to write in December. It will be due in late January.

Next meeting: December 7, 2022 - Shannon to chair.