

# Campton Conservation Commission

January 4, 2023

## Municipal Building Meeting Room

7:00 PM

### Minutes

Called to order by Bill at 7:03pm. Present: Bill Copeland, Jim Butler, Jane Kellogg, Jess Halm, Rebecca Steeves (minutes).

1. December 2022 minutes: review, approve - Jane made a motion, Jess seconded; approved. Some discussion about encumbering funds for the Liberty Tree maintenance; Jim will follow up.
2. 2023 Budget: reviewed by Selectboard on 11/28 - seems fine to go to Town Meeting.
3. 2022 Annual Report (fill-in financials, donations, complete and submit by Jan 31st) - Jane had been working on it and posted comments; Shannon will use last of the year's statements to plug in numbers to the report. Shannon will submit once all info is added.
4. Town Meeting (is there a presentation of our annual report?) - it is included in the book of reports by the town. Maybe bring info about the WBBF (flier, map, QR code...?) and general information; will iron out details at the next meeting. Jim will get some things together and Shannon will create a document.
5. WBBF:
  - PBLT monitoring was done on Dec.17 - They will write up a report to add to their files and we will get a copy.
  - Install roof - timing - will use cedar shingles and allow to weather; will revisit in the spring.
  - Signage draft - Jim and Jess are working on the text and will be in touch with MegaPrint. Glenn can jump back in in February.
  - Volunteer offering - Jane spoke with a woman who would be willing to help guide us with the public communication/signage for our properties; Jim and Jess will follow up.
  - Gate progress; getting posts (spring) invoice for second payment 40% to Keeney Welding - Jess and Jane went to decide on paint color and the gate looks great! Posts need to be 8"x8" to mount it. It will be stored at the shop until spring. Shannon made a motion to approve the 40% (\$880) for Kenney Welding, Jess seconded it; approved. Remaining 10% will be paid when delivered and installed..
  - Winter considerations - have sawhorses if we need to close the parking lot in the winter at any time.

- Plan/timing for benches - Ian would be happy to help; would use a chainsaw at the site and could sand a bit; considering 4 locations as outlined at last meeting.
- Miller Family artifacts - Jane took pictures of everything given so far and brought items to the Campton Historical Society at their January meeting. There was an empty glass case in the Grange so maybe some things will go in there.
- Jim put reflectors on the posts.
- Jess noticed that in the WMNF section of trail that WBBF accesses there is a large wet area and wondered if the FS would be able to install bog bridges in that area since there may be more usage with public access at WBBF. The snowmobile trail access will need to be considered. Jess will make inquiries.

#### 6. BWNA

- Winter parking closure cable & signage in place - Jane put up cable and took care of 3 trees that came down over trails.
- Map, natural species lists for kiosk and QR codes to connect w/ website - Jim and Jane will put these together. Jane mentioned getting a 911 address for the BWNA and PCP; Jess will check with the fire department.

7. Winter tracking event - details, timing - Jess confirmed that Lea Stewart would be happy to lead a walk to track wildlife in the snow - dates of Sunday, Jan. 29 (rain date of Sunday, Feb. 5). Rebecca will post on FB, flyers will be posted on the kiosk, Chesleys, MRCC, etc.

#### 8. Any other business:

- Centralizing data storage - may need to transfer the CCC folders to another Google account; Jim will reach out to Dan and Corey, and look into getting a Gmail account for the CCC or purchase more storage space.
- Policies & procedures - Holderness CC sample - they made assignments for each commissioner along with procedures, etc. of how things are organized; maybe we could more formally adopt some systems. Jess said there may be a regional commission meeting in the near future and this could be discussed more then.
- Barry Camp update - deadline of Jan. 31; teacher at CES is spreading info and will follow up with Shannon with a list of interested students.
- Livermore Falls update - a recent article on the front page of the Concord Monitor focused on the question of Pumpkinseed Bridge ownership hampering improvements in safety and quality of visitor information on the west side/Campton side.

9. Mail - stipend checks and gate invoice.

Adjourned at 8:24pm.

**Next meeting: February 1, 2023. Chair: Jane**