

Campton Conservation Commission Minutes
Wednesday, September 13th, 7:30 pm

Members Present: Jim Blake
Melissa Greenawalt-Yelle
Jessica Halm
Jane Kellogg

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 pm.

FYI Items:

- Audubon Programs: On October 11th at 7:30 pm, Carolyn Russell of DES will speak at Pease Public Library about habitat destruction and preservation opportunities. This date and time is in conflict with our next meeting; we may want to consider rescheduling.
- Trout Unlimited: Todd Baldwin of Thornton has been in contact with Jane about two local habitat restoration projects, one along the Pemi near Exit 31 in Woodstock, and another on Corcoran Pond in Waterville Valley. The Corcoran Pond project is a mini version of what could be done at Campton Pond.
- Conservation design materials to John March: Jane has passed along several conservation design documents and general info to John March for potential incorporation in new house lots.
- Building Committee public hearing: scheduled for 9/25 at CHS (time? 7 or 7:30??) to update community members on recent progress. More details on the town website.

Ongoing Project Updates:

- Jess shared a draft of the conservation resource list for Campton Landowners. Changes and updates will be made and brought to the next meeting, in hopes of providing it for interested voters on Voting Day in November.
- CHS Heritage Day: is October 21st from 1-4pm. Melissa has found a S. Mathews book to purchase from the Littleton book store for \$15 and donate to the silent auction. She also prepared a color certificate entitling up to 6 people to a personal guided walk and picnic at BWNA. Both donations were approved by the members present.
- Conservation Fund Guidelines: Jane has made revisions based on comments made by CCC members, the Selectboard, and Steve Hamburg. One change was made in the title of SPNHF's document, New Hampshire Everlasting. The members present agreed to use this finalized draft as our working policy. Jane will share copies with Patrick Miller and Steve Hamburg.
- CCC Budget: some upcoming expenditures include \$15 for the CHS donation (see above), \$100 for revisions/reprinting of the BWNA trail guide, possible GIS map printing, and \$100 for possible sponsorship of a Campton Historical Society historic marker, if there is one available with a natural history connection.
- Conservation Plan: next step is to create map of the Bog Pond area with several overlain GIS layers, and a map of the entire town for display at voting, town meeting, etc., with roads, lot lines, existing conservation lands, and general areas of conservation interest highlighted (Bog Pond, Bald Knob, etc.)
- Melissa spoke with Steve Whitman of JH Taylor Associates about details of a Cost of Community Services Study for Campton. This is not something he specifically focuses on, but he encouraged her that it was something we might be able to do ourselves, with the help of a worksheet available through Phil Auger/Dijit Taylor. It might also be a good project for a grad student at PSU's Center for the Environment.
- BWNA trailwork: Potential for a workday on the trails at BWNA. No date was set, but Veteran's Day was mentioned. General trailwork, with specific focus in and around the beach area to prevent erosion as much as possible.

Next meeting: Wednesday, October 18th, 7:30 pm

(Note date change to accommodate Audubon talk in Plymouth on October 11th)

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm