

Campton Conservation Commission
Minutes
August 2, 2023
7:00pm, Campton Municipal Building
Chair: Janet Lucas

Attendance: Janet, Bill, Jim, Jane, Jess with Guest Hope Eagleson
Meeting started at 7:00pm and adjourned at 8:50pm

1. Approve July minutes

Moved to accept: Jane Seconded by Jess; Approved by all

2. Updates/report of steps taken since July meeting

BWNA trail guide: (Jess with Denise Siraco)

In process. They met in mid-July. Walked property, looked at original guide and shared ideas. Denise is working on a first draft of the new guide. Would be ideal to have a map with stations and info about each station. Technical discussions with Jim to follow.

PCP mowing quotes? (Jess) - to contact two potentials this month for Oct/Nov mow

PCP: Liberty Tree is dying. The Garden Club is aware and also concerned. What to do?

Tree is failing. Garden Club and CCC have spent extra money this year for an arborist to help. Rain may be a factor in tree health. For now, see if it improves.

PCP: Timber Harvest (Jane/Jess)

Plan for property needed. First step would be to have Forrester look and advise. Jess will reach out to a local expert.

WBFF Gate: final bill paid? combo lock purchased?

Final bill has been paid. Janet obtained a combo lock and gave combo to Jim. She will locate the receipt and submit (approved in a prior meeting).

WBFF Other: further signage (Jim); Grass and dirt pile (Jim & Bill - Date TBD)

Signage in progress, to be posted to clearly designate our property line with Johnson property. Jim and Jess to meet Sunday to discuss.

Dirt pile work, as well as more bittersweet removal, scheduled for **Wednesday Aug 9** at 5:30pm; Those attending should bring shovels, wheelbarrow, gloves

WBBF: Jess and Janet removed Round-leaved Bittersweet near trailhead. Jess then took the material for incineration in a bonfire on her property.

Peggy Martin has continued to work on this on a spot further up the trail. Thank you.

More work to be done on August 9th.

Rick Vanderpol has identified some special plants (i.e. horseradish) that we should be aware of.

Other?

Parking lot mowing and start of trailhead mowing. Hope Eagleson has offered to do this. Will see how best to do this (mower vs. trimmer).

3. Invasives Species Subcommittee update (Janet/Bill/Jim);
- Meetings with Ron Reynolds and Doug Cygan

Janet provided a summary of our meetings with both experts. Sub-committee plans to do a windshield survey of Campton to identify invasive spots and do a possible site visit to Ellsworth Hill with Doug Cygan for input (Janet to contact).

Goal would be to identify and do eradication work on up to three areas by next June. Public education and volunteers/sponsors to watch and maintain work.

The CCC website will be expanded to have materials on Invasive Species and Wetlands Permitting.

Hope suggested that Tyson Morrell (PROLAC) has grant money for projects and that may help us get funds for thick plastic sheeting, wood chips, etc. for these test areas. He could also be a good liaison with other resources, such as UNH, that might be able to help.

4. New Business:

Campton Old Home Day is Saturday September 23, 2023. Do we want to have a table?

After some discussion, it was decided that we would participate the following year (2024).

Hope Eagleson to report on Watershed Conference

Hope has a strong interest in our Conservation activities and wants to get involved. She attended this course, which focused on teaching educators about the Watershed program. Over the three days, she learned about using GIS mapping, permitting, connections/resources, etc.

Janet to report on NHACC Wetlands Seminar

From January through June, Janet has attended this on-line course, with a final field visit, to learn about wetlands permitting and protection. Multiple organizations were involved and contacts made. Our CCC website will be expanded to have permitting links and information.

Other new business?

Shannon Garnsey, one of our commissioners, plans to step down. Quick discussion of the procedure to do that.

Jim reports that the Town has been migrating to Microsoft 365. During that process, we have a new email. That has been updated on the website. Rebecca needs to make the change on our Facebook page. Eventually, all of our CCC files will be moved to a single database, eliminating the storage of files on individual google drives. Jane has been weeding out duplicate files, drafts, etc.

5. Mail? None

6. Other None

Next meeting: September 6, 2023 is our next meeting. Chairperson will be Jess