

Campton Conservation Commission
Minutes - October 4, 2023
7:00pm, Campton Municipal Building

Chair: Jim Butler. Present: Jane Kellogg, Jess Halm, Rebecca Steeves. Public present: Hope Egleson, Kelsey Bouchard.

Called to order at 7:05pm.

1. Approve September minutes - Jess made a motion, Jane seconded - approved. Acceptance of Shannon Garnsey's letter of resignation - Jane made a motion and presented the email communication. There was some discussion about formal notification to the Town. Also, Shannon will continue to coordinate the Barry Camp Scholarship selection with CES students. Jane expressed that we accept her resignation with regret as she has been a valued member of the commission over the years; she will be missed. Approved.
 - a. Guest Kelsey Bouchard - Town Rec Director. Discussion about opportunities for the CCC and the Recreation Department to work together to get more people outside and using our great resources. Jane shared a bit about the town properties and various outdoor educational offerings by the commission. Kelsey shared the events and opportunities that the rec department will be coordinating. We chatted about the properties - trails, locations, resources, etc. The Rec Department offers afterschool and summer programs for students, and some adult activities, and advertises through the website, a FB page, flyers sent home with students, etc. Much discussion about events, activities and how to get the word out in general. Her email is: camptonrec@pemibaker.org
2. Updates/report of steps taken since last meeting
 - a. BWNA trail guide: (Jess) - no update at this time
 - b. PCP:
 - i. mowing quotes (Jess) - 2 quotes presented so Jess will move ahead with them; Jim will get some snow stakes to mark newly planted trees and check existing staking ahead of winter.
 - ii. Timber Harvest: Jane coordinated with local forester, Steve Shaughnessy, to make a plan and she met with him recently. He gave a proposal to make a plan(Step 1) and what the harvest options(Step 2) would be. Jim made a motion to move forward with the quote from Shaughnessy to develop a timber plan and the \$800 will be taken from 2023 budget balance and the Conservation Fund as needed, Jess seconded; approved. Jane will continue coordination with Shaughnessy.
 - c. WBBF
 - i. Sept 26th Workday report - there was removal of bittersweet and spreading of the pile of dirt that was there by Jim, Janet, Bill.
 - ii. Oct 1st sign installations report - Jim, Janet, Jane, Jess and Rebecca installed posts with boundary signs. Jim will settle for reimbursement of the expenses.
 - iii. Sample of wood header for kiosk and approval to proceed - last sign to go up; some discussion about carving vs. vinyl lettering on the wood. Jess made a motion to approve the lettering (noting that the entire signage came in under budget), Jim seconded; approved.

- d. Other: Intent to cut application received - Pine Cove Rd; Bill investigated and will develop a procedure checklist to evaluate/comment on these applications when received - Some discussion about the Intent to Cut process for Campton; it was mentioned that the Planning Board might be able to impose reasonable restrictions, if needed, and is currently discussing possible ordinances in-general.
3. Invasives Species Subcommittee update (Janet/Bill/Jim) - Jim shared that they continued mapping the Japanese knotweed, both smaller infestations and large areas. They are hoping to give out some information at the town meeting as an education outreach before spring. The NH DOT has certified workers for knotweed mitigation who the committee plans on contacting about local infestation along state roads within Campton, and a local resident who the committee is going to contact as a case study in private property knotweed mitigation and report back.
 4. New Business:
 - a. Nov 4th, NHACC Annual Conference registration is now open.
 - b. Barry Camp - Shannon will coordinate this. The process typically begins in January.
 - c. We should be sending agendas to Town before public meetings so it gets posted Monday before meeting so it gets posted 24hrs in advance. A procedure was determined: by Friday at 10:00am, the chair will provide a draft of the agenda for members to review and finalize by Monday at 8:00am and Rebecca will send a PDF to Corey for posting Monday AM.
 - d. Fund Account balances, Google document, LUCT. - Jim will follow up.
 - e. Take Shannon off the website - Jim and Rebecca will check FB.
 - f. Tourism/Recreation Grant was brought up in the BOS's 9/5/2023 Board meeting by Brooke Brown, District Ranger from the US Forest Service to BOS in regards to erosion and sand build-up concerns. Vice-chair Davis recommended talking to us about the grant. Information in the 9/5/2023 BOS minutes. SB member Dan Boyton suggests we provide the Town with pros and cons for dredging, etc. We will create a Google Doc to start this and add potential other organizations that would be involved in a dredge project.
 - g. The Town is thinking of putting winter maintenance of parking areas out to bid. Is WBBF the only parking area we need maintained? Yes, only WBBF; Jim will follow up.
 - h. NH State Parks Recreational Trails Program Grants opens for 2024 in April. Do we want to start considering that for WBBF? - We will consider this but not this year.
[-https://www.nhstateparks.org/find-parks-trails/find-trails-maps-clubs/grants/recreational-trails-program](https://www.nhstateparks.org/find-parks-trails/find-trails-maps-clubs/grants/recreational-trails-program)
 - i. Other new business? - Hope is interested in learning more about the commission and becoming a member; she will look into the process. Jim will follow up with Corey for having her appointed.
 5. Incoming Mail - Shaughnessy PCP forest management proposal.
 6. Other - Jane was invited to speak at the Historical Society and is finalizing her talk; Nov. 20. Jim will inquire about filming!!

Next meeting: Wednesday, November 1st. Chairperson: Bill Copeland

Adjourned at 9:10pm.