

Campton Conservation Commission
Minutes
Jan 3, 2024
7:00pm, Campton Municipal Building

Chair: Janet Lucas; Jane Kellogg, Jess Halm, Jim Butler, Bill Copeland, Hope Eagleson, Rebecca Steeves

Called to order at 7:05pm.

1. Approve December minutes - Jane made a motion, Bill seconded - approved.

2. Property Updates:

a. PCP

*Select Board approval of Pattee timber harvest work order submitted by CCC - was approved by SB and was signed by the town office and copy given to Steve Shaughnessy to begin.

*Update from forester Shaughnessy - he has looked up market price at the mills, price is good, but crews are having a bad winter production due to weather conditions. He reached out to Jim Frohn, county forester, and they will meet at the property for input.

*Intent to Cut form: to be completed by logger w/ help from forester

*February Public Hearing preparations - Determining the posting of the agenda and meeting in due time. Jane will be sure to inform the abutters. Public hearing would begin at 7:05pm to be on the meeting agenda as the first item; will go on Feb. 7 agenda, to be posted by Jan. 31. She suggested having a handout of the map for attendees and include a Zoom link. Some discussion about what to include and how to structure the hearing. Jim will be sure that the SB will get the information. Jane and Hope will get some pictures for "before and after" photos.

b. BWNA

*Parking lot closed for winter

*Trail Guide and Flora/Fauna species list update : Jess will continue to proceed.

c. WBBF

*New procedure for closing parking lot in event of heavy rains (group discussion) - some deep mud ruts were in the parking lot and Janet raked them out. Conditions were extreme, so we can plan on closing it in the "mud season" and keep in mind for extreme rain & mud events.

*Winter tracking event: discuss, schedule - still hoping for February so we will discuss at Feb. meeting. Hope will reach out to Leah for a specific date (can be with or without snow - plenty of animal signs)

*PBLT monitoring report received, and sent to NH DES (2nd easement holder) - was good overall.

*Hope has a contact for snowmobile signage, and Jess will follow up with her contact.

4. Invasives Subcommittee Report (Janet, Jim, Bill)

*2023 Town Report on Japanese Knotweed: questions, comments - Jim will continue to work on the artwork for the handout, and the details of the committee report were discussed.

5. New Business

a. Short report from NHACC annual meeting: Health Impacts of Climate Change (Janet) - a great write-up of some discouraging news.

b. CCC 2023 Report for Town Report: questions, comments? final due by end of Jan. - draft was reviewed and a few edits will be done. Jim will add the 911 addresses for each property, and he will forward the report once complete. Nice job with it Janet!

c. Update on document migration from Google Docs (Jim) - Jim gave login info and a quick tutorial for the new shared files. All new docs should be created here; Google docs to move to read only; be up for a month or two, and then deleted. Jim has archived them and moved copies over to the SharePoint system.

d. Finance update, Conservation Fund information to be included in town report (Jim) - he will confirm all funds have been passed to us and spoke with Corey about different financial options for the Fund (CD, account interest rate, state account with higher interest, etc.) Janet made a motion to approve up to the dollar amount that would leave \$25,000 in the CF, Jess seconded - approved.

6. Old Business/FYI

1) Barry Camp update: any news on the candidate selection process? (Rebecca)

Shannon has reached CES students, so we hope to hear from her soon. There is another scholarship opportunity for Grafton County residents that we will try to share out.

2) Other Old Business - Coverts Cooperators Workshop application window is open now (Jane emailed out the information).

7. Other - None

8. Mail - None

Adjourned at 8:28pm.

Next meeting: Feb 7, 2024 Jess to Chair