

Campton Conservation Commission

Minutes

March 6, 2024, 7:00pm

Campton Municipal Building

Join Zoom Meeting-Meeting ID: 868 3288 5185

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Call in by phone 1-929-436-2866

Chair: Jim Butler.

Present: Jane Kellogg, Bill Copeland, Janet Lucas, Rebecca Steeves, Jess Halm.

Called to order at 7:06pm by Jim.

1. Approve 2/7/2024 minutes – approved.
2. Approve 2/26/2024 minutes of special meeting with Steve Shaughnessy and the PCP timber harvest logger. Jane summarized the process of opening the bids and protocols followed. Motion by Janet, seconded by Jane - approved.
3. Property Updates:
 - a. PCP
 - i. Update on timber harvest - contract is signed by Steve and the logger, and Sharon from the town. The bond is being held and cutting could start anytime. Some discussion of getting “before” pictures, Jane has some and will be sure they are in our files.
 - ii. Signage re: forest management – May not be needed at this time; Hope was going to look into some general timber harvest information from the state, and Jess will put something together for meadow ecology. Jim added info to the website and will print this for a table at voting and to distribute at Town Meeting.
 - b. BWNA
 - i. Trail guide update (Jess) - Jess will work on this.
 - ii. Trail guide QR codes (Jim) - no update
 - c. WBBF
 - i. Current conditions - gate is closed due to soft and muddy conditions in the lot; Jim will monitor as we progress through mud season.
 - ii. Winter tracking event/Nature walk – did not host an event, but we may try for a vernal pool walk (last year was in May).
 - iii. A sign may need to be put on the kiosk stating that no trailers or snowmobile access on the WBBF property.
4. Invasives Subcommittee Report (Janet, Jim, Bill) - Did not meet this past month. Had worked on pages for the Town Report.
5. New Business
 - a. Discuss changing meeting time – will wait to discuss until all commissioners are present. Also to discuss designating a chairperson.

- b. Discuss The Conservation Fund (TCF) land donation – parcel 16-1-2-A off Route 175. - A small parcel that is driveway access to the adjacent properties. It does not seem to have any ecological, conservation, or cultural value. Jim made a motion that we respond that we are neither for nor against the town obtaining the property from TCF, Jane seconded – approved. Jane will follow up with Jade.
 - c. NHACC bill – Janet made a motion to submit the membership fees to the town office to be paid out of the 2024 budget, Jane seconded – approved.
 - d. Jim received an update on the Conservation Fund balance and deposit made of \$36,336, from LUCT funds collected. Also Jim reported on purchase of CD at Northway Bank of \$95,000, as approved at the Jan 3rd meeting (check if this was the meeting).
 - e. Some discussion about the USFS communicating to the SB about the plans to sell the dam; there were questions about maintenance, the surrounding land, generation of electricity, etc. Public hearing will be held in future.
6. Old Business
- a. Barry Camp scholar selection update – no known changes, and Jim will check on timing of bill.
 - b. Plans for Town Meeting - will have a table in the vestibule at town voting, then the materials will be brought over to Town Meeting. Jane will talk with Paula Woodward (as moderator) about this.
7. Incoming Mail--
- a. We received a copy of a Wetlands Permit application for the proposed rebuild of the electric transmission line from Eversource. We are required recipients of the plan and may send our comments to NH DES. An Eversource representative will be making a presentation to PRLAC before our March CCC meeting. Janet will attend the PRLAC meeting and provide a summary of the materials and presentation. There is concern about invasive species disturbance. Janet will contact Doug Cygan (State of NH) and ask for guidance, and the sub-committee will discuss further at their next meeting (April).
 - b. Jess and Janet received a letter from the town regarding their CCC reappointments. Jade had indicated to Sherrill Howard and Janet (PRLAC reps from Campton) that they can send her a letter in response rather than attend the SB meeting on April 8 as that is the day of the total eclipse and they will be out of town. Janet plans to hand deliver her response to Jade within one week.
 - c. Copy of signed contract for PCP Timber cut – Jane will scan and upload to our files

Next meeting: April 3, 2024, Chair: Bill

Adjourned at 8:34pm.