

**Camden Conservation Commission**  
Minutes of Meeting – January 27, 2010

**Present:** Karin Rector, Chair; Douglas N. Johnson, Vice chair Pro-Tem; Abby Stocks, Secretary; Bob Gassett, Barrie Keegan

**Excused Absence:** Carla Ferguson

The commission welcomed Barry Keegan as a new member and everyone shared their personal conservation interests and why they joined the commission.

The December 30<sup>th</sup> minutes were accepted with the following correction in the fourth paragraph under new business: We reviewed our own personal goals and agreed that our goals should be specific and have clear objectives and plans of action.

The commission did not receive mail this month.

**New Business:**

Packets that included copies of CCC individual goal interests for 2010 were passed out and reviewed again. A copy of an article, Village Soup 1/6/2010, about the Camden Select Board review of long-term strategic goals for the town of Camden were also passed out. New member, Barry, brought his 2010 goal interests in for our initial consideration.

It was mentioned again that goals should be specific, smart, attainable, realistic, timely, and responsible. Final 2010 goals for CCC are as follows:

- 1) To continue working with the town of Camden, CMLT, Pathways Committee, and other interested persons and groups to initiate the development of the Megunticook River walkway.
- 2) Walk the perimeter and interior path of the bog making note of flora and fauna or other points of interest with the intent of formulating an eventual management plan.
- 3) Bog work day
- 4) Rights of way inspection
- 5) Continue pursuing Tree City USA designation for 2010
- 6) Establish more communication and cooperation with such town bodies as the select board, planning board, and energy committee

**Old Business:**

There is a Budget Committee meeting on 4/1/2010. A member from the CCC should plan to attend.

Abby gave a report about her vernal pool mapping discussion with Ian Stewart from Coastal Mountains Land Trust. Ian said that an ecological inventory was completed in late April of 2007 on the Fernald Neck Preserve but not the town forest. The ecologist found lower quality wet pockets in the preserve, however vernal pools were not the central focus of her work. Should the CCC ever decide to pursue a vernal pool search in the town forest, Ian offered to meet with the CCC to discuss specifics and learn more about our process in order to determine whether or not CMLT would like to get involved.

Bob announced that he's been in touch with Geoff Scott from the pathways committee. Geoff also sent Karin an e-mail. The Pathways Committee would like to come to one of our meetings to share what they are working on and give a brief summary of the status of the Riverwalk. The idea of a visit from the Pathways Committee was well received by the CCC.

Doug brought a copy of the impressive Camden Forest Management plan. He gave a detailed description of everything the management plan includes and explained that the plan needs to be updated. The plan is available in the town office and includes detailed information such as: tree inventory, management, history, administration, assessment, education, shade tree ordinance, pruning, recommended tree species, tree programs, available grants, list of national big trees, and a list of Maine big trees.

Coastal Mountain Land Trust will review the easement over the Megunticook River Walkway and give us details about the easement so we can set a date for the invasive plant work day.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50

Respectfully Submitted,

Abby Stocks, Secretary

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, February 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the Washington St. room.