

CAMDEN CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
Minutes of Meeting – April 2, 2014

Members present: Doug Johnson (Chair), Robin Kern and Tom Hopps. Members excused: Roger Rittmaster and Barbara Melchisky. Member absent: Carla Ferguson Nancy Caudle-Johnson and Landon Fake also present.

Doug called meeting to order at 7:10 pm  
Minutes of February 26 meeting not approved due to lack of quorum

Note: Fourth Nature Walk will be April 5<sup>th</sup>, Saturday, at Tanglewood in Lincolnville.

Old Business

Tree City USA – Nancy presented 2013 report for re-certification of Camden as a Tree City that will be sent to the sponsor, Arbor Day Foundation.

Camden Heritage Tree Project – Nancy distributed copies of recently-created nomination form to collect information on significant trees and treescapes in town. Forms will be made available to the public. Completed forms will be submitted to Town Office for redirecting to this Commission for verification by Arborist and Chair Doug and entry into Camden Heritage Tree Register. Members present were asked to seek completed forms from three nominators each.

Camden Comprehensive Plan - Review of excerpted sections of Chapter 17 and preliminary review of Chapter 13 was postponed till Barbara returns.

Natural Land Inventory – Tom initiated a discussion of the six data layer maps and the overall comprehensive map. It was suggested small parcels in town may be of less interest to Coastal Mountains Land Trust but what this Commission may well address. An update of the maps is pending. Tom will meet again with Steve Wilson to consider the next step toward utilization of the map data.

Forest Management Plan for the Snow Bowl – Landon gave Doug a copy of the plan prepared by Mitchell Kihn, LPF#3206 in late February 2014. Maps included in the report show the new configuration for the 22 Tacks Trail. The CCC will evaluate and inventory trees to preserve during trail construction. This new configuration will be included in the Inventory and Report of Significant trees – Ragged Mt. Skate-Ski Trail(22Tacks) prepared in September 2011 by CCC at the request of the Planning Board. Landon and Doug will look at the proposed trail route on April 10. Doug and Tom will mark trees to preserve with green flagging on April 17. Trees will be inventoried and tagged April 24 by Tom and Doug.

FEMA letter – Upon study of this letter sent to the Town Select Board dealing with Flood Insurance Rate Maps, Robin questioned what is asked of this Commission. Doug will ask John French, Board liaison.

Annual Report of CCC - Doug read his draft of report for inclusion in Town Annual Report for 2013. It was approved by those members present.

New Business

Doug gave Tom the opportunity to attend the 2014 Maine Land Conservation Conference in Topsham, April 25-26.

Next meeting will be April 30, 7pm

Meeting adjourned at 8:45

Respectfully submitted,  
Tom Hopps, Secretary pro tem