

CAMDEN CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING 09/04/2013

Minutes of meeting held September 4, 2013, from 7:15 to 8:45 PM

Camden Conservation Commission (CCC) members present: Doug Johnson (chairman), Roger Rittmaster, , Robin Kern

Excused members: Barbara Melchiskey, Carla Ferguson

Guest: Tom Hopps

OLD BUSINESS:

- The minutes of the meeting held on 07/31/13 were approved unanimously and without correction.
- Nancy Caudle-Johnson and Robin Kern will be meeting in September to continue work on the Heritage Tree project.
- Doug met with the Select Board at its annual meeting with members of the various committees and commissions. It was a brief and informal meeting at which Doug learned that Parks and Recreation has asked CCC to look at the work it is doing at Shirttail Point, and that the Select Board would like CCC to work with Parks and Recreation to identify places to be protected. Roger suggested that CCC should go to Coastal Mountains Land Trust to ask for its input on this matter. Roger will pursue this and will also obtain the map of Coastal Mountains Land Trust preserved lands in Camden.
- Doug read a letter from Barbara Melchiskey to the Select Board in which she detailed the various and numerous reasons for support of a moratorium on the sale of the Tannery property. CCC's motion for such a moratorium has been submitted in writing to the Select Board. On a related matter, Robin will do further research on the requirements surrounding the presentation of a new referendum on this issue.
- Roger reported that he could not find anyone to lead a mushroom walk this fall, which CCC had hoped would be Nature Walk #2. After a discussion to and fro, it was decided that monthly walks scheduled throughout the year, to take place at the Snow Bowl and to be sponsored by CCC, would be a wonderful way to proceed with these walks. CCC anticipates these walks to commence in January; Roger will organize them.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Ray Andresen of Parks and Recreation will be at CCC's next meeting, as will Steve Wilson, planner for the Town of Camden.
- CCC hopes to plan a work party for invasive species.
- Doug reported attending the Planning Board meeting and correcting confusing language that had been substituted for CCC's own proposals for the Comprehensive Plan, Chapter 5. Chapter 6 needed no corrections.

The next meeting is scheduled for September 25 at 7 PM.

Submitted by Robin Kern, secretary.