

**Camden Conservation Commission**  
**Minutes of meeting**  
**January 9, 2013 7-9 PM**

**PRESENT:** Members of the Camden Conservation Commission (herein the Commission): Doug Johnson, Robin Kern, Barbara Melchiskey, Carla Ferguson excused members: David Kern, Roger Rittmaster, John Evrard

**Non-members:** Lowrie Sargent and Jean White

The meeting, chaired by Doug Johnson, proceeded as follows (there was a review of the minutes of October 31st, which were approved):

Lowrie Sargent (of the planning board and lead person for the comprehensive plan) and Jean White (coordinator) presented information on the comprehensive plan, both as to its history, including a change in the state's enforcement capacity (now, the state reviews plans and issues recommendations but has no enforcement right) and as to its current aspects. In particular and in regard to the Commission's role, they stated that the Planning Board wanted Commission input on Chapters 5 and 6 of the Comprehensive plan. Jean was quite clear as to what that input should be: updating, adding, deleting and thoughts as to the future, and that the input should be completed by the end of February. Doug felt that in particular, the Commission could help with information and suggestions as to invasive species. After their presentations, Lowrie and Jean left. They were thanked for coming.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Robin will ask Carol Sue Greenleaf whether the requested donation of \$500 from the Commission to the Maine Farmland Trust was ever made. On November 18th, Doug, Roger Rittmaster and Roger's wife inspected the trees along the skate ski trail and found them to be in very good condition. Another inspection will take place in June (after leafout of the oak trees).

**NEW BUSINESS:** Doug announced that the Camden Heritage Tree Project received a grant (prepared by Nancy Caudle-Johnson) from the state under Project Canopy. Doug also announced that a grant prepared by Brian Hodges and involving the planting of trees was approved. Finally, Doug read a letter of resignation from John Evrard.

Doug described Brian Hodge's work on the Riverwalk and Public Landing project, for which an active role on the part of the Commission is envisioned.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 30th.

These minutes are submitted by Robin Kern, secretary, as an accurate representation of the major topics discussed and agreed upon at this meeting.