

## CAMDEN CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING 07/31/2013

Minutes of meeting held July 31, 2013, from 7:00 to 8:45 PM

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

### OLD BUSINESS:

- The minutes of the meeting held on 05/29/13 were approved, with one correction.
- Roger reported on his attendance at a Riverwalk/Public Landing work group meeting, at which various issues relating to the public landing were discussed, in conjunction with reports that the consultants presented. In Roger's view, the meeting was very productive, with most concerns discussed in detail.
- Roger reported on the first nature walk, which he led. The topic was butterflies. The weather was not conducive to seeing butterflies at the Camden Snow Bowl, but the walk progressed as planned, with around ten people participating. Roger then showed the group the Baltimore checkerspot caterpillars that he is raising. He said that the Coastal Mountains Land Trust is happy to co-sponsor these walks and would help with administrative tasks relating to these walks.
- A discussion then ensued as to the Tannery Property sale and the proposed moratorium. Doug felt that the best approach at this time was to garner support from and actively involve the groups that had been involved all along in the river walk project. How this relates to presenting the moratorium to the Select Board for a vote remains unclear, as does the best route now, with the final public meeting to occur in September, and the reports of the consultants due in the fall. However, it seemed clear that the moratorium resolution should be reworded to include a time limit.

### NEW BUSINESS:

- CCC's annual get-together with the Select Board will take place on August 13 at 6:30 PM.
- There was discussion as to what should be the second nature walk. It was felt that a mushroom walk in the fall would be good. Roger will look into finding someone to lead such a walk.

The next meeting is scheduled for August 28 at 7 PM.

Submitted by Robin Kern, secretary.