



Town of Candia

Conservation Commission
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November 21, 2023 Meeting Minutes- Approved

Chair Judi called the meeting to order at 7:00pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Chair Judi Lindsey, Leon Austin VC, Dick Snow, Tom DiMaggio, Carol Howe, Ryan Young, Ron Laverdure, Admin. Assist. Janet Lewis

Absent: April Holmes

Guests: None

Public Comment Period: None

Regular Business:

1. Minutes of previous meeting – Tom made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected. Ryan seconded. Carol abstained as she was absent. All others in agreement. Motion passed.
2. Wetland Permit Applications -None
3. Land Use/Wetlands/Enforcement Issues -The New Boston Rd. development is still in deliberation.
4. Correspondence – None
5. Budget Update/ Increase & Approvals -Discussed balance left in budget. This will be encumbered for next year. Deerfield Rd. property has some wet areas that need work to make them easier to cross. Purchase of lumber for this and paint for marking more trees on trails, etc. were suggested for the encumbered funds. An invoice from Charlie Moreno for next year's forest management was suggested to be submitted for using the balance of the funds. An invoice from Southeast Watershed Alliance membership is \$200.00. Discussion ensued. A warrant article had been passed at a previous time for the town to be a member. The organization provides support and advice for 28 communities. It was decided that it cannot be invalidated and we need to pay the membership. The budget increase for next year was accepted by the BOS for the property management and membership fees. Judi will be reimbursed for mailing out calendars to contributing photo winners. Dick moved that we pay her for the postage. All in agreement. Motion passed.

6. Conservation Easements/Water Resources –After meeting with Bearpaw about putting conservation easements on the Dennis Lewis Forest and the 2 other properties behind the old town dump. It was suggested a warrant article should be presented first. Consequently, a warrant article was submitted that would put the properties in management and control of the Conservation Commission. The selectmen need to decide if it is acceptable to put it on the warrant. We will wait for their next meeting reviewing warrant articles. The Kinnicum Pond property is also a consideration for this type of warrant article to be managed and controlled by the CCC.
7. Forest Management-nothing new to report at this time.

Old Business:

1. GIS mapping – Discussion about GIS mapping
2. Fund Grant applications – Nothing new to report currently.

New Business:

1. Calendar Update – People are asking for calendars! They are popular and being bought up quickly. The calendars are available to buy for \$10.00 each at the town office and the Smythe Library.

Other Business:

1. Barry Conservation -The 2024 summer camp date is July 14th-19th, 4-H On the Wildside, for ages 10 to 16 years. This information will be posted in the local newspaper, on facebook, and on the Barry Conservation Camp Website: <https://extension.unh.edu/newhampshire-4-h,barry> . The three campers from last summer sent individual thank you notes to the commission. Their comments were priceless!
Applications to enter the scholarship will be accepted until the third week in January 2024. The 1 week of camp is paid for by the Candia Conservation Commission. Several scholarships are available.
2. Scheduled Hikes/trail work- Deerfield Rd town forest was walked recently using the RE-LIVE app on their phone. It was also used on a Dennis Lewis Forest (on New Boston Rd.) hike and is available on the CCC website to view.
3. Judi went to the Annual Conservation Conference and reported how attendees were very interested in the information that was set up by Judi concerning our commission and what we are doing! Leon noted the town of Atkinson, NH Conservation Commission and how they are very active with engaging the public. Visit their website.

Tom made a motion to adjourn. Leon seconded. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:18pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Lewis