



Town of Candia

Conservation Commission

74 High Street
Candia, New Hampshire
03034
Meeting Minutes
November 15, 2011

Present: Dave Ickes, Richard Snow, Deb Levesque, Dennis Lewis, Betsy Kruse, Judi Lindsey, Ellie Davidson, Bill Nichols

Staff: Gregory Jones - Conservation Commission Clerk

Guests: None

REGULAR BUSINESS

Bill Nichols, Candia Conservation Commission member and ecologist/botanist with the New Hampshire Natural Heritage Bureau, presented "Natural Communities in the Granite State" to Commission members and the public.

Vice Chair Betsy Kruse called the November 1, 2011 meeting of the Candia Conservation Commission to order at 8:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

1. Minutes of previous meetings

R. Snow motioned to approve the meeting minutes of October 18, 2011 as amended. D. Ickes seconded the motion which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5), to zero (0) in favor.

R. Snow motioned to approve the meeting minutes of November 1, 2011 as amended. J. Lindsey seconded the motion which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5), to zero (0) in favor.

2. Wetlands Permit Applications

Member E. Davidson informed the Commission that no wetlands permit applications have been submitted for review.

3. Land Use/Wetlands/Enforcement Issues/Planning Board

Member J. Lindsey reported that the Town's Open Space plan was submitted to the Planning Board for review and will be considered for inclusion in the Town's future Master Plan update.

4. Correspondence

E. Davidson reported that the Commission was copied on two (2) New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (DES) Complaint/Possible Violation letters which were sent to two Candia landowners. The letters relate to an Alteration of Terrain permitting violation for a property on Hook Road and a dredge/fill violation for a property located on Old Candia Road. The Commission will review all further correspondence related to these issues to ensure no municipal issues exist.

E. Davidson informed the Commission of upcoming workshops of the New Hampshire Association of Natural Resource Scientists (NHACC) and reminded them of a December 6, 2011 Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission (SNHPC) Source Water Protection Plan seminar.

5. Budget Update/Approval of outstanding payments/invoices

J. Lindsey motioned to reimburse R. Snow \$45.00 for the NHACC conference admission fee, \$22.50 for mileage and \$4.00 for tolls totaling \$65.00 to be taken from the Education budget line item. D. Levesque seconded the motion which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5), to zero (0) in favor.

J. Lindsey motioned to expend \$250.00 from the Commission's budget for the NHACC annual dues invoice. E. Davidson seconded the motion which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5), to zero (0) in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Decision regarding chair of Commission

Vice-Chair B. Kruse reminded the Board of the issue of delegation of Conservation Commission chair. After discussion, members concluded that E. Davidson will take on the responsibility of drafting the Commission's Annual Report and D. Lewis will attend the Board of Selectmen meetings to present the Commission's Annual Budget in order to alleviate the Vice-chair's workload.

E. Davidson motioned to nominate Betsy Kruse for the position of Conservation Commission Chairperson for a period of six (6) months. D. Lewis seconded the motion which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5), to zero (0) in favor.

Chair B. Kruse nominated D. Levesque for the position of Conservation Commission Vice-Chairperson for a period of six (6) months. J. Lindsey seconded the motion which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5), to zero (0) in favor.

R. Snow motioned to recommend the appointment of Candia resident Mimi Alberu to the position of Alternate Conservation Commission member. E. Davidson seconded the motion which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5), to zero (0) in favor.

2. Newsletter

Chair B. Kruse informed the Commission that a Newsletter is underway as well as a "Note" from the Vice-Chair which will be sent out as a draft e-mail for review and advisement.

Chair B. Kruse informed the Commission that the next scheduled meeting is November 29, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the WRP Grant application.

J. Lindsey motioned to adjourn the Conservation Commission meeting of November 1, 2011 at 9:30 p.m. D. Levesque seconded the motion which passed unanimously with a vote of five (5), to zero (0) in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gregory M. Jones
Conservation Commission Clerk