



Town of Candia

Conservation Commission

74 High Street
Candia, New Hampshire
03034

Meeting Minutes
November 29, 2011

Present: Dave Ickes, Richard Snow, Deb Levesque, Dennis Lewis, Betsy Kruse, Judi Lindsey, Ellie Davidson, Mimi Alberu, Rick Lazott, Susan Wilderman

Staff: Gregory Jones - Conservation Commission Clerk

Guests: Dwayne Critchett
Mark Pepper

REGULAR BUSINESS

Vice Chair Betsy Kruse called the November 29, 2011 meeting of the Candia Conservation Commission to order at 7:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

1. Minutes of previous meeting – November 15, 2011

The Item was tabled to the Commissions December 20, 2011 regular meeting.

2. Conservation Land/Easement(s) Acquisition Status – Critchett/Pepper

Member R. Snow informed the Commission that votes must be taken in order to move forward with the conservation easement process for the proposed Critchett and Pepper Conservation Easements. The vote is to approve the expenditure of not more than \$2,000.00 to the Rockingham County Conservation District for the property assessment, site visit, crafting deed language and other preliminary work required by the process for the Critchett property. This work will provide the Commission with guidance for the later stages of the acquisition process.

D. Lewis motioned to authorize the expenditure of not more than \$2,000.00 from the Municipal Conservation Fund to the Rockingham County Conservation District for required preliminary work associated with the proposed Critchett conservation easement acquisition project. J. Lindsey seconded the motion which passed unanimously with a vote of seven (7), to zero (0) in favor.

J. Lindsey motioned to authorize the expenditure of not more than \$1,500.00 from the Municipal Conservation Fund to appraiser Marsha Beecy. Should the applicant decide to not continue with the process, these funds shall be reimbursed. E. Davidson seconded the motion which passed unanimously with a vote of seven (7), to zero (0) in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

R. Snow informed the Commission that the Board of Selectmen approved the appointment of alternate Conservation Commission member Mimi Alberu.

R. Snow addressed the Board regarding a project proposing to place conservation easements on town owned property under the NH Department of Environmental Services Water Supply Land Protection Grant (NHDES WSLPG) program. Snow reminded members that on November 1, 2011, the Commission asked that further property information be submitted for review. R. Snow supplied the Commissioners with a document dated 11/11/2011 titled "Town of Candia ARM Grant Application Parcel Data" (available at Town Hall) which further details the parcel reference data, acreage, assessed values, estimated easement values, estimated purchase cost, estimated easement expenses, net parcel value, and grant match funding requirements for several town owned properties and two (2) private properties. After some discussion, the Commission agreed to refine the project's scope by moving forward with just a portion of the listed properties. The properties being considered are identified as and displayed on Tax Map and Lot numbers 412-003/004 & 410-100/101. R. Snow stated that these four (4) properties can be consolidated for appraisal/survey purposes pursuant to NHDES rules and will henceforth be referred to as the two (2) properties.

D. Levesque motioned to proceed with crafting language for a future Warrant Article pertaining to the proposed two (2) properties to be included in the WRP Grant application (subject properties - Tax Map and Lot numbers 412-003/004 & 410-100/101). J. Lindsey seconded the motion which passed unanimously with a vote of seven (7), to zero (0) in favor.

J. Lindsey motioned to authorize the expenditure of not more than \$6,000.00 from the Municipal Conservation Fund to proceed with the required preliminary appraisal work for the subject properties included with the WRP grant application (subject properties - Tax Map and Lot numbers 412-003/004 & 410-100/101). E. Davidson seconded the motion which passed unanimously with a vote of seven (7), to zero (0) in favor.

R. Snow stated that he will contact the NHDES grant coordinator to ensure that the reduction in project scope to a one (1) property for one (1) property ratio will not negatively impact its viability. Snow also accepted a delegation to begin crafting the Warrant Article language for this proposal.

R. Snow informed the Commission that the Severino NHDES issued violation letter which was reviewed at the Commissions 11/15/2011 regular meeting have been retracted by NHDES.

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Newsletter

Chair B. Kruse suggested that members review the Draft Newsletter and report back with comments and suggestions at the Commission's next regular meeting.

2. NRI

Chair B. Kruse directed the Commission to the Town's recently completed Natural Resource Inventory (NRI) for review. She requested that members review the document and submit comment in preparation for the formal presentation to the Planning Board.

3. Annual Report

Chair B. Kruse informed members that the Conservation Commission Annual Report is due in January, 2012. Chair B. Kruse requested that the Commission review E. Davidson's Newsletter to provide comments and suggestions.

The Commission agreed to set its next regular meeting for December 20, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the meeting room at Town Hall.

J. Lindsey motioned to adjourn the Candia Conservation Commission special meeting of November 28, 2011 at 8:00 p.m. D. Levesque seconded the motion which passed unanimously with a vote of seven (7), to zero (0) in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gregory M. Jones
Conservation Commission Clerk