



Town of Candia
Conservation Commission
74 High Street
Candia, New Hampshire
03034
Meeting Minutes
December 20, 2011 (Approved)

Present: Ellie Davidson, Dave Ickes, Betsy Kruse, Dennis Lewis, Judi Lindsey, Richard Snow, Susan Wilderman. Alternates: Mimi Alberu, Rick Lazott. Guest: Jim DiMaggio.

REGULAR BUSINESS

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chair Betsy Kruse, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Minutes of previous meeting – November 15, 2011

Page 2, Item 5 – Budget Update: R. Snow noted that “NHACC Conference” should read “NHACC dues.” Also, \$65 should be taken from the Education budget line item, not Administration. B. Kruse requested a motion to approve the 11/15 minutes as revised. J. Lindsey so moved, seconded by S. Wilderman; motion passed unanimously.

2. Minutes of previous meeting – November 29, 2011

R. Snow noted that the date should be changed on the heading from 11/28 to 11/29.

Regular Business: Item 2 – Acquisition Status – R. Snow noted that the second sentence should read “the vote is,” and “the Critchett property” (not both properties). On page 2, paragraph 2 should read “\$1,500 from the Municipal Conservation Fund to Marsha Beecy,” (not RCCD).

Old Business – Warrant Article – R. Snow observed that three instances of (Map and Lot numbers) 410-100/100 should be amended to 410-100/101. Also the reference to crafting warrant article language should read “pertaining to the proposed two properties” and should delete reference to the WRP grant application.

Old Business – NHDES Violation Letters – R. Snow noted that the Severino violation letter had **not** been retracted.

Other Business – Annual Report – “annual Conservation Commission Annual Report” is redundant.

R. Snow moved to approve the 11/29 minutes as amended, seconded by D. Lewis; the motion passed unanimously.

3. Acquisition Status – Warrant Article

A draft of a warrant article was distributed by R. Snow. He noted that the grant was for WSP, Water Supply Protection, not ARM, Aquatic Resource Mitigation. Only 25 signatures are needed on a petition for inclusion of a warrant article, but B. Kruse suggested giving the BOS an update at their 1/9 meeting. R. Snow agreed to do so. He elaborated on the language, saying we could explain further at public hearings. None are required, but he suggested at least two be held. S. Wilderman said she thought the language was adequately specific, however, she suggested waiting until voters approve the article before expending money on development rights estimates.

J. Lindsey moved to accept the warrant article language as written, seconded by E. Davidson; the motion passed unanimously.

B. Kruse asked how the group felt about holding a public hearing at the January (1/17) meeting. D. Lewis suggested holding the hearing at the February (2/21) meeting. R. Snow replied it should be before the deliberative session. B. Kruse won't be at the January meeting (she will be attending the Budget Meeting) so we will need someone to chair. R. Snow volunteered to give a presentation, but S. Wilderman didn't think it should be given by a member of the BOS. M. Alberu suggested that Snow could prepare a PowerPoint presentation that could be given by another member of the CCC. J. Lindsey volunteered to be the presenter. The presentation should be advertised as an information session, not a public hearing. R. Snow volunteered to write an article for the Hooksett Banner.

4. Critchett/Pepper Projects Update

R. Snow reported he walked the Pepper property with the landowners, Marsha Beecy, Jim Lindsey, and Mimi Alberu on 12/7. He said he would submit an invoice for Marsha Beecy's appraisal. Snow also reported that the money for the Critchett project had been sent to RCCD, and that he had invited Tracey Degnan to walk the property. Snow said he would be walking Hemlock Drive with Marsha Beecy on Friday 12/23.

5. Wetlands Permit Application

There were no permit applications.

6. Correspondence

E. Davidson presented the following items:

- a. Letter from the Land Use Office (no action needed).
- b. Southern NH Planning Commission dues for 2012 – dues are \$1,000 less than last year (2011), however the BOS only voted half-funding. The Candia Planning Board submitted a letter to the BOS requesting reconsideration. R. Lazott stated the BOS will not support.
- c. Invoice from Bear-Paw.
- d. Invoice from Lamprey River Watershed.

7. Budget Update

- a. Invoice from Greg Jones – moved, seconded and approved.
- b. Invoice from Bear-Paw – E. Davidson moved to approve, seconded by D. Lewis; B. Kruse and J. Lindsey abstained; motion passed by 4 votes.
- c. Invoice from Lamprey River Watershed – J. Lindsey moved to pay, seconded by E. Davidson; motion passed unanimously.
- d. Need to pay Jim DiMaggio \$250 for CCC Website support for 2011 – J. Lindsey moved to pay the \$250, seconded by D. Ickes; motion passed unanimously.
- e. \$300 for the newsletter is already encumbered.
- f. R. Snow reported that the unexpended balance after these invoices are paid will be \$673.64.

8. CCC Website

J. DiMaggio reported the Website will be updated quarterly (beginning last August). He uploaded pictures and made changes to accommodate different browsers; he will add a notice for the warrant article information session, as well as the newsletter and Annual Report. J. Lindsey asked if we could track the number of hits on the site. J. DiMaggio will follow up.

9. Lamprey River Watershed Association – Water Quality Initiative

S. Wilderman explained that there is concern about municipal sewage in the coastal watershed. The larger towns are concerned about nitrogen from failing septic systems; they don't want to spend the money for waste water treatment improvement because they're meeting standards. R. Snow mentioned that all their licenses have expired; EPA will be requiring new standards to be met (3 ml per liter maximum total daily load). S. Wilderman remarked that water treatment plants have only 30% impact on Great Bay; other 70% is non-point. She thinks our forested landscape is reducing nitrogen and suggested a zoning ordinance to protect this feature.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Bear-Paw Status Report** – J. Lindsey reported that the annual meeting will be held on Saturday, 1/28 at Coe-Brown Academy; the topic will be Moose.
2. **Forest Management** – D. Lewis is waiting for final timber harvest numbers on the Hemlock Town Forest project before he can write an article for the newsletter. R. Lazott suggested leaving some brush piles as winter shelter for small wildlife.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. **Newsletter** – B. Kruse distributed two draft versions with different font sizes to maximize white space. In “A Note from the Chair,” R. Snow suggested it would be problematic to state there were many vacant buildings in town. Under “Warrant Article for Watershed Grants” D. Lewis suggested replacing “leverage” with some other term, and rewriting the sentence mentioning Kinnicum Pond so it would not imply that it is contained in the two parcels in question.
2. **NRI** – This item was deferred to the January meeting.
3. **Annual Report** – B. Kruse distributed the report drafted by E. Davidson. It was suggested that the members’ list be moved to the end of the report and the sentence referring to the secretary’s position be deleted. B. Kruse will e-mail the Annual Report to Andria and Cheryl at the Town Office.
4. **BOS Hearings**
 - a. **Old Recycling Center** – the BOS is holding a public hearing at its 1/9 meeting. The CCC can either make a recommendation or not on whether the old buildings should be removed, but the BOS has not requested a statement. The CCC takes no position – this does not fall within the realm of our responsibility.
 - b. **Egan/York boundary line adjustment requests** – this item was not addressed at the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Posting the Clerk’s position** – R. Snow checked with the local government center and didn’t find any conflict of interest if a Commission member is also paid staff. Greg Jones’ resignation was accepted. J. Lindsey moved appointing M. Alberu as Clerk at a rate of \$12 per hour, not to exceed the budget of \$750, effective immediately. [second?] The motion passed unanimously. Invoices are to be submitted at every meeting.

Chair B. Kruse accepted a motion from S. Wilderman to adjourn at 9:15 pm. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Mimi Alberu
Alternate Member, Candia Conservation Commission

