



Town of Candia
Conservation Commission
74 High Street
Candia, New Hampshire
03034

February 21, 2012 Meeting Minutes (Approved)

Present: Ellie Davidson, Dave Ickes, Deb Levesque, Dennis Lewis, Judi Lindsey, Mimi Alberu (Alt), Rick Lazott (Alt.), Dick Snow (Alt.)

WRP Grant Public Hearing – 7pm presentation Judi Lindsey, Dick Snow

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

The Public Hearing was well attended. Judi Lindsey narrated the slide presentation navigated by Dick Snow. Both took questions during and following the presentation. Hand-outs were provided, including printed copies of the slide presentation, estimates of property valuations, and copies of the CCC newsletter. Audience members had questions regarding the locations of the properties referenced in the Warrant Article. Rick Lazott commented that he opposed the article; he felt the Town would be giving up control because the properties would be monitored by the easement holders. Judi Lindsey replied that her property is under easement and she can do anything she wants with the property as long as the easement guidelines are not violated. Lazott commented that neither the Fitz properties or the Hemlock Town Forest would ever be developed anyway. Guest Gary York thanked the members of the Conservation Commission for their work on this project.

Regular Business

1. Minutes of previous meetings (January 17, 2012) (Commission)

Ellie Davidson remarked that CCC doesn't customarily list absentee members on meeting minutes, and made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Motion was seconded by Deb Levesque and motion carried with four in favor and one abstention.

2. Conservation Land/Easements Acquisition Status (Snow)

WRP grant Warrant Article – update on project

Dick snow reported that the South East Land Trust of NH will submit the application for the Fitz properties by the June 1st deadline, but advised getting a Purchase and Sale agreement drafted by Town Counsel. This will require an up-front expenditure. Dennis Lewis suggested tabling this until after the March 13th vote by the Town.

Critchett project update – Dick Snow recommended starting survey and P&S process. Based on a quote from Jim Franklin, Ellie Davidson moved to authorize up to \$4,250 for a perimeter survey of both Critchett properties, and to proceed with a Purchase and Sale agreement. Motion was seconded by Deb Levesque and passed by unanimous vote. RCCD will be the easement holder; the property owners are working with them on the easement language.

Pepper project update – RCCD will also be the easement holder. Dennis Lewis moved to pay RCCD up to \$2,000 for preliminary work on the easement; Deb Levesque seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Dick Snow suggested putting out an RFQ for the survey work. Dennis Lewis moved drafting an RFQ for the survey; Deb Levesque seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Bowman request – Dick Snow is still trying to find out how Charlie Bowman wants to proceed.

Sieminski (Lewis) – no action at this time.

3. Wetlands Permit Applications (Davidson) – the Brown Road project was not approved. Manchester Water Works does not support this project because of quality and quantity of runoff, would want to conduct a drainage study to determine if there would be a net increase in discharge. No other applications at this time. Dennis Lewis mentioned that there is now a process for municipalities where the Road Agent or Public Works Director can take a course and exam so it's no longer necessary to apply for a permit to change culverts.
4. Land Use/Wetlands/Enforcement Issues/Planning Board (Lindsey) – Subdivision for 7 lots on Brown Road denied by the Planning Board for various issues, including runoff.
5. Correspondence (Davidson) – there was a letter from Bear Paw thanking us for renewing our membership. Also flyer from DES, *The Source*, about the drinking water source protection program.
6. Budget Update/Approval of outstanding payments/invoices (Snow/Commission)

Payment of Hooksett Banner invoice – the bill was based on column inches. Ellie Davidson moved to reimburse the Town for the ad from the CCC's operating budget, seconded by Deb Levesque. Motion carried unanimously. Other motions to pay outstanding invoices made by Judi Lindsey and seconded by Deb Levesque: \$42 to Mimi Alberu for administrative support in January; \$1,500 to Marsha Beecy for each appraisal (total \$3,000); all three motions passed unanimously. Judy Lindsey moved to pay \$1,300 for estimate of costs for the Fitz properties, seconded by Ellie Davidson; the motion passed unanimously. Deb Levesque moved to pay \$300 for printing the newsletter, seconded by Ellie Davidson; the motion passed unanimously.

7. Conservation Commission Website (Dimaggio) – Judi Lindsey suggested posting some student drawings on the site to generate more interest.

8. Lamprey River Water Quality Initiatives (Snow) – some permit applications have changed; there is still concern about nitrogen and there will probably be future requests for the Planning Board and CCC to become involved. Stream walking could be one way to help.

Old Business

9. Bear-Paw Status Report – upcoming events – Judi Lindsey reported that the Annual Meeting was a great success; other future events are not scheduled until May or June.
10. Forest Management / Plans for Town Land / Stewardship (Lewis) – the Hemlock Drive logging project grossed \$12,511.60 and netted \$8,034.44 after payments of \$300 for road clearing to allow access for logging, \$3,455.59 to the licensed forester for the forest management plan, and \$1,021.57 for the timber tax as previously agreed. The logger paid the timber tax and the net balance went to the forest management plan. A future plow turnaround, parking area and gate are planned.

Other Business

CIP projects to recommend to Sharon Robichaud (Commission) – Ellie Davidson read from an earlier e-mail with suggested items such as establishing prime wetlands, generating regulations and ordinances outlining the requirements for environmental impact assessments, vernal pool protection and awareness, open space stewardship requirements, land acquisitions, existing town culvert assessments, generate a town-wide trail development plan. Tom DiMaggio may be able to provide an estimate for work on trails. Item tabled since the Planning Board has extended the current CIP for another year.

NRI – Results of Planning Board discussion (Lindsey) – the Planning Board agreed that the NRI would be part of the Master Plan as an addendum.

Posting NRI on CCC website (Commission) – Dick Snow will make sure Jim DiMaggio gets a copy to post.

Saving Special Places conference April 14 (Commission) – Ellie Davidson, Dick Snow and Judi Lindsey are interested in going. It will be held at the high school in Weare this year. This item will be added to the agenda for the March meeting.

Scenic Byways – Southern NH Planning Commission requested a list of proposed scenic byways; their goal is to have a loop intersecting for five towns, Nottingham, Raymond, Candia, Deerfield and Northwood. Possibilities include historical and archeological sites, B&Bs, monuments, etc. Members can e-mail Ellie Davidson with suggestions before the next meeting.

Ellie Davidson moved to adjourn at 8:48pm, seconded by Deb Levesque. Motion passed unanimously. Next meeting of the CCC is on March 20, 2012 at 7:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mimi Alberu
Candia Conservation Commission Clerk