



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

**April 17, 2012 Meeting Minutes (Approved)**

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

**Guests:** Billie and Mark Pepper, Mike Pouliot.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Judi Lindsey, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Dick Snow was seated as a voting member.

**Regular Business**

1. Minutes of previous meetings (March 20, 2012)

Betsy Kruse had noted that "II93" on page two should be "I-93." Judi Lindsey made a motion to approve the minutes as amended, seconded by Deb Levesque. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Conservation Land/Easements Acquisition Status

ARM grant possibilities – Dick Snow distributed a Pre-Proposal form and cover sheet describing Aquatic Resource Mitigation funds available for wetland restoration, land conservation, and habitat improvement projects in 2012. The Pre-Proposal must be submitted by April 30, 2012; proposals meeting the criteria will be invited to submit a full application. Preference will be given to projects that provide long-term protection to ensure the greatest environmental benefit from program funds, and that provide connectivity to other protected resources. The funds do not need to be matched from another source. Dick Snow requested approval to move forward with the Pre-Proposal application for the two Fitz properties. Ellie Davidson made a motion for Dick to submit the form, seconded by Deb Levesque. The motion passed with 5 in favor and 2 opposed.

Critchett project update –perimeter survey for one parcel has been completed by Jim Franklin, the other is in process. The P&S agreement is ready to sign.

Pepper project update – It was decided not to go through an RFP process. Mark Pepper remarked that Jim Franklin had already recorded one boundary and that he would prefer to have him complete the rest. He also stated that the easement language would be virtually the same as the template language

that Dick Snow had distributed earlier, with no additional restrictions. Dennis Lewis moved to hire Jim Franklin to complete the perimeter survey. Ellie Davidson seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Dick Snow will notify all those submitted a letter of interest. The consensus of the Commission was to wait until all language was finalized for these projects before submitting them to the Board of Selectmen for approval and signatures on the P&S agreements.

3. Wetlands Permit Applications – No applications at this time.
4. Land Use/Wetlands/Enforcement Issues/Planning Board – The Planning Board approved appending the NRI to the Master Plan. Judi Lindsey is still looking for information on map racks available.
5. Correspondence – Ellie Davidson reported several items being received:
  - a. Monitoring report from Bear Paw requesting a meeting with the Commission regarding a fence encroachment at Clay Pond.
  - b. Letter from Southeast Land Trust requesting the Commission's comments supporting the Trust's application for national accreditation.
  - c. Information from DES regarding spring grant rounds (see Item 2 under ARM).
  - d. Invitation from Bear Paw to an Open House in Deerfield in appreciation for the Commission's support (Mimi Alberu and Ellie Davidson will attend).
  - e. Bear Paw newsletter.
6. Budget Update/Approval of outstanding payments/invoices – Judi Lindsey moved to pay \$72 to Mimi Alberu for administrative support in March; Ellie Davidson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Dennis Lewis moved to reimburse Ellie Davidson, Judi Lindsey, and Dick Snow for expenses incurred to attend the Saving Special Places conference; seconded by Dave Ickes. The motion passed unanimously. Dick Snow reported that there is an extra \$180 in the budget to pay Jim Dimaggio for work on the Web site.
7. Conservation Commission Website – Dick Snow is still working on getting electronic copies of all the easements in the town.
8. Lamprey River Water Quality Initiatives – no new information at this time.

### **Old Business**

9. Bear-Paw Status Report – current newsletter was passed around by Ellie Davidson.
10. Forest Management / Plans for Town Land / Stewardship – Dennis Lewis will ask Charlie Moreno about scheduling a community walk at the Hemlock Town Forest. Dennis also reminded the Commission that he needs to install a gate there and requested that we think about what kind for the next meeting; he will also try to get the entrance cleaned up and graded by then. He would prefer to make a wooden gate.

### **Other Business**

11. CIP projects – no further discussion at this time.
12. Approval of CCC goals – regarding signs for Amphibian crossings, Mike Pouliot suggested getting signs from the Prison Shop in Concord. He will bring a copy of the catalog to the next meeting. Dick

Snow moved to approve the goals with Bill Nichols' amendments. Deb Levesque seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

13. Commission membership renewals – Ellie Davidson has submitted her letter to the Commission and the Board of Selectmen. Deb Levesque and Dick Snow still need to submit letters. All three wish to continue as members. Dennis Lewis moved to reappoint them, Dave Ickes seconded. Mimi Alberu will send a letter to the Board of Selectmen informing them that the Commission has voted to reappoint the three members. Judi Lindsey recommended Dave Ickes as Chair; Dave declined based on his schedule demands. Item was tabled.
14. Scenic Byways – Ellie Davidson reported that the second meeting is taking place on April 18th. She is attending with Deb Levesque.
15. Conference reports – Ellie Davidson, Judi Lindsey, and Dick Snow attended the Saving Special Places conference on April 14<sup>th</sup>. Judi passed around applications for the NH Coverts Project fall workshop. This is a project jointly organized by the UNH Cooperative Extension, the NH Fish & Game Dept., the NH Div. of Forests and Lands, and the US Fish & Wildlife Service. Ellie mentioned a UNH Long Range Master Plan proposal to introduce commercial development on its agricultural lands. Information is posted on the UNH Campus Master Plan web site, <http://www.unh.edu/cmp/>. Mimi Alberu will send information to Commission members about signing an on-line petition. Dick Snow also attended a workshop on trails and Ellie Davidson attended a workshop on streams.
16. Conservation education – Judi Lindsey is working with 5<sup>th</sup> graders at Moore School to create a Candia Field Guide which should be completed in about six weeks. Each student is researching a plant/animal relationship. Judi suggested a few students could present the guide at a future Commission meeting.

Deb Levesque moved to adjourn at 8:27pm, seconded by Ellie Davidson. Motion passed unanimously. Next meeting of the CCC is on May 15, 2012 at 7:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Mimi Alberu*

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Candia Conservation Commission Clerk