



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

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

**Present:** Ellie Davidson, Betsy Kruse, Deb Levesque, Dennis Lewis, Judi Lindsey, Susan Wilderman, Mimi Alberu (Alt), Dick Snow (Alt.).

**Guests:** Al Hall.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chair Betsy Kruse, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The commission then proceeded to a public hearing and presentation conducted by Dick Snow. The slides of the presentation will be posted on the Commission Web site. In summary, Snow explained easement boilerplate language and reserved rights, and displayed maps of the two properties being placed into conservation. There was a discussion about how a conservation easement extinguishes development rights. The Commission reconvened at 7:30 pm.

**Regular Business**

1. Minutes of previous meetings (June 19, 2012) – minutes were approved as amended. Corrections consisted of rewriting the second sentence of Item 1 under Regular Business, as rephrased by Ellie Davidson. Dennis Lewis moved to approve, with Deb Levesque as second. Motion passed with two abstentions.
2. Conservation Land/Easements Acquisition Status – following some discussion Dennis Lewis moved to approve the expenditure of \$135,000 from the Conservation Fund for the Critchett easement, plus transaction costs not to exceed \$20,000, pending approval by the BOS and subdivision approval by the Planning Board. The motion was seconded by Judi Lindsey and passed unanimously. Judi Lindsey then moved to approve the expenditure of \$110,000 for the Pepper easement, plus transaction costs not to exceed \$20,000, pending approval by the BOS. The motion was seconded by Ellie Davidson and passed unanimously.

ARM/WRP grant possibilities – we are approved to apply; no projects at this time.

3. Wetlands Permit Applications – Ellie Davidson brought to the Commission’s attention a copy of a subdivision plan on Lane Road with two wetland crossings. The CCC is not required to take any action, the copy is for information only.
4. Land Use/Wetlands/Enforcement Issues/Planning Board – Dick Snow mentioned that map racks are ordered; we will split the cost with the Planning Board (about \$200 each). Judi Lindsey attended the court hearing for the Thompson suit; a ruling from the judge is expected in about 30 days.
5. Correspondence – a postcard was distributed soliciting nominations for the Shining Star Municipal Volunteer of the Year Award. Also received NH Coverts Project Workshop application sent by UNH Cooperative Extension (training for wildlife habitat conservation).
6. Budget Update/Approval of outstanding payments/invoices – Judi Lindsey moved to pay \$48 to Mimi Alberu for administrative support in June, seconded by Dennis Lewis. Judi Lindsey also moved to pay \$130 to Charlie Moreno for leading the Hemlock Town Forest walk, again seconded by Dennis Lewis . Both motions passed unanimously.
7. Conservation Commission Website – Town-owned easements, NRI, etc., still need to be posted to the Web site.
8. Lamprey River Water Quality Initiatives – see Old Home Day under Other Business.

### **Old Business**

9. Bear-Paw Status Report – Betsy Kruse noted that Bear-Paw will be hosting a round table in December. A possible venue will be the former Griffinbrook property. The topic will focus on ways local businesses, town governments, and Bear-Paw can collaborate on mutual issues.
10. Forest Management / Plans for Town Land / Stewardship – Dennis Lewis offered to look at other Town-owned land that would be suitable for another community outreach project. Judi Lindsey would like to see another public walk scheduled after school is back in session.

### **Other Business**

11. Upper Lamprey Scenic Byway – SNHPC has requested to be on the agenda for the next BOS meeting.
12. Old Home Day – Dick Snow announced that there are free spots reserved for Town organizations. Three watershed associations would provide brochures if we decided to have a table. We had no official notice of the event and other than Dick Snow’s announcement knew nothing about it. Because we only meet once a month and do not have time to prepare, the consensus is not to participate this year.

Ellie Davidson moved to adjourn at 8:22 pm, seconded by Dennis Lewis. Motion passed unanimously. Next meeting of the CCC is on August 21, 2012 at 7:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mimi Alberu  
Candia Conservation Commission Clerk