



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

October 16, 2012 Minutes (Approved)

Present: Ellie Davidson, Dave Ickes, Betsy Kruse, Deb Levesque, Dennis Lewis, Judi Lindsey, Mimi Alberu (Alt.), Richard Snow (Alt.)

Guests: Al Hall

Acknowledgement of Critchett and Pepper easements.

The Critchetts and Peppers were not available to attend. Judi Lindsey exhibited the plaque acknowledging previous easements and a new plaque for the two new easements, as there are no spaces left on the first. Dick Snow suggested inviting the Critchetts and Peppers to the November meeting to thank them and acknowledge the easements. Judi Lindsey volunteered to take photos for submission to the local papers.

Regular Business

1. Minutes of previous meetings (September 18, 2012)
 "Off the Record" comments

A discussion was held regarding whether some comments made during meetings could be "off -record." The consensus was that the speaker should say that his or her comment is off the record. Dick Snow moved to approve the minutes as originally drafted, Judi Lindsey seconded the motion; the motion carried unanimously.

2. Conservation Land/Easement(s) Acquisition Status
 Liquid Planet CE

Chair Betsy Kruse was asked to come before the BOS at their next meeting to speak to the Commission's position on this issue. She recently sent a letter to the BOS summarizing the potential legal and financial issues that might ensue if the Town were to hold the easement required by DES in order for Liquid Planet to be in compliance. After some discussion it was agreed that Chair Betsy Kruse should be the CCC representative at BOS meetings as requested by the Board. Betsy Kruse asked whether anyone had heard of any action on this issue; Dick Snow replied that he had spoken to Holly Green at DES and updated her on the current status of the matter. He also learned that Kevin Dumont is consulting with his attorney to

determine an appropriate course of action. Betsy Kruse also invited Mr. Dumont to attend a CCC meeting if he wished to discuss the issue.

3. Wetlands Permit Applications

No permit applications were received by Ellie Davidson. Dick Snow mentioned he saw at least two applications come in, including one for repair to the Socha dam, but no action is needed by the CCC at this point.

4. Land Use/Wetlands/Enforcement Issues/Planning Board

Judi Lindsey reported that the lawsuit brought against the Town, following denial of permits on Brown Road, was decided in favor of the Town.

5. Correspondence

Ellie Davidson reported receiving the following items:

- A bill from Jim Franklin (see Item 6 below)
- An invitation to the NH Association of Conservation Commissions (NHACC) Annual Meeting - Dick Snow, Deb Levesque and Mimi Alberu will attend Nov. 3rd
- Flyer for SE Land Trust 10th Annual fundraiser 10/27 in Portsmouth

6. Budget Update/Approval of outstanding payments/invoices:

- Invoice from Jim Franklin – \$850 for onsite wetlands delineation for the Critchett easement. Dave Ickes moved to pay from the Conservation Fund; seconded by Judi Lindsey, motion passed unanimously.
- Receipt from Judi Lindsey for an additional plaque for easements – moved to pay by Ellie Davidson, seconded by Deb Levesque; motion passed unanimously.
- Invoice from Mimi Alberu – \$61.80 for administrative duties in August and September; moved to pay by Judi Lindsey, seconded by Deb Levesque; motion passed unanimously.
- \$265 annual dues for NHACC – moved to pay by Judi Lindsey, seconded by Deb Levesque; motion passed unanimously.
- \$361 for legal fees for Upton & Hatfield for closing costs of both easements – moved to pay from the Conservation Fund by Dave Ickes, seconded by Deb Levesque; motion passed unanimously.

A discussion of the proposed 2013 budget followed. There were some suggested reallocations as a result of discussion at October 13th BOS budget meeting. The original proposed \$300 increase in administrative fees was for Web site support, however it appears this will not be expended. The \$54 for notice of the Critchett easement in Neighborhood News should have been charged to the conservation fund. Betsy Kruse suggested moving \$200 from administration to materials for items such as a gate and sign for the Hemlock Town Forest, but it was noted that this should come under forest management. It was decided to remove Web support from administration and include conferences and workshops under education. Administration will be renamed Dues & Memberships (NHACC, Bear Paw and Lamprey River Watershed Association), with the remainder to include postage, meeting notices and miscellaneous items.

Ellie Davidson moved to approve the resulting proposed budget, seconded by Judi Lindsey; motion passed unanimously.

Secretarial \$600

Dues/Membership \$500
FICA \$54
Education \$425
Materials \$100
Conservation Projects \$25
Property Management \$25
Conservation Open Spaces \$350
Total \$2079

Dick Snow also distributed a report listing all expenditures from the Conservation Fund YTD. The fund balance is \$250K.

7. Conservation Commission Website (CE's, NRI, OSP, goals/objectives posted?)

Judi Lindsey commented that the CCC home page is cluttered with text and has some grammatical errors. She would like to see better utilization of links, and photos are not proportionately to scale. Betsy Kruse suggested inviting Jim DiMaggio to the next CCC meeting.

8. Lamprey River Water Quality Initiatives

Dick Snow asked Judi Lindsey to mention at the Planning Board meeting that Candia Sand and Gravel will be requesting a ZBA variance to have a mining operation in a residential zone. In addition Candia received an MS4 requirement from DES for storm water management. The BOS needs to sign a request for exemption.

Old Business

1. Bear-Paw Status Report – Roundtable, auction, 10/20 walk

The walk on the 20th at the Isinglass Reserve will be led by Phil Auger; the auction fundraiser will be held on Nov. 10th; author Mary Holland will be giving a talk on her book, Naturally Curious, on Jan. 28th, 2013 at Coe-Brown Academy.

2. Forest Management / Plans for Town Land / Stewardship

Dennis Lewis will research the cost of logging the New Boston Road Conservation Area. A temporary bridge would be needed for access.

Other Business

1. Outreach – 10/14 walk to Kinnicum, Amphibian crossing signs, SELTNH workshop offer

Judi Lindsey shared photos of the walk at Kinnicum Pond. It was fun and informative despite the rainy weather. Dennis Lewis found corrugated plastic blanks that we might be able to use for inexpensive signs. Bear Paw is interested in participating in a workshop, we are still waiting to hear from DES and SELTNH.

2. Upper Lamprey Scenic Byway update

Ellie Davidson could not attend the last meeting; Adam, the intern from Southern NH, is coming to make a presentation at Monday's BOS meeting.

3. Newsletter – total protected acreage, CE article, Note from the Chair

The total protected acreage in Candia is 448 acres. Judi Lindsey will provide an updated photo of Kinnicum Pond. Betsy Kruse is still awaiting an article about the Critchett Road easements.

Deb Levesque motioned to adjourn at 8:58 pm, seconded by Dave Ickes. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Mimi Alberu
Conservation Commission Clerk