



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

**December 18, 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, Ted Michalek

Meeting was called to order at 7 pm by Chair Betsy Kruse, followed by the pledge of allegiance. Mimi Alberu was seated as a regular member.

**Acknowledgement of Critchett and Pepper easements.**

The Critchetts and Peppers were not present.

**Regular Business**

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

Ellie Davidson moved to accept the minutes as presented, Deb Levesque seconded. Motion passed with seven in favor and one abstention.

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

Liquid Planet is working with RCCD and using their conservation easement template.

3. Wetlands Permit Applications

No new applications at this time.

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

John Cole and Scott Komisarek came to the last meeting to request a waiver to the elderly housing portion of the zoning ordinance; the original project was to be a subdivision to build elderly housing. At that time they received conditional approval to build a woods road to put in water. Now there is an apparent issue about the number of bedrooms and basements being considered an additional story. Cole and Komisarek said the footprint of the buildings won't change. Dick Snow remarked that if the

height of the building isn't changing a waiver shouldn't be required; instead it should be a variance. He also mentioned that it's unknown whether DES has given permission for the water, which would be of interest to the CCC. Because of the time elapsed from the original project proposal, the Planning Board needs to revisit the plan. Judi Lindsey will continue to update the CCC.

#### 5. Correspondence

- Stewardship report from RCCD for the Sanborn easement; all is in order (Charlie Moreno is doing forestry work on site).
- Letter from DES to Sanborn; they are no longer allowing amendments effective 2013.

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

- Invoice for \$49.44 from Mimi Alberu for administrative services in November; Dick Snow moved to approve, Deb Levesque seconded; motion passed unanimously.

A discussion followed regarding whether there would be sufficient money in the budget to print the newsletter this year. It was determined there would not be because we were billed for half the cost of the map rack by the BOS. The consensus was to pay for the newsletter in January.

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

No CEs or OSP, NRI is up; question arose whether we can pay a stipend this year; decided to wait until next year.

#### 8. Lamprey River Water Quality Initiatives

No update at this time.

### **Old Business**

#### 1. Bear-Paw Status Report – Auction, annual meeting

- The auction was a huge success; Betsy Kruse mentioned they would possibly use Candia Woods as a venue for next year.
- The annual meeting will be at Coe-Brown Academy.

#### 2. Forest Management / Plans for Town Land / Stewardship

Dennis Lewis reported a price of \$14-\$15 each for pressure treated posts. Betsy Kruse suggested Dennis should buy 10 posts and we will reimburse him; these should be used for managed forest properties. Dick Snow moved to approve the expenditure from the Commission's 2012 budget, seconded by Judi Lindsey; any remaining balance should be paid from the Forest Management Fund. The motion passed unanimously. One downed tree on the Hemlock Drive Forest property has been taken care of; one other needs to be done. Charlie Moreno quoted about \$2500 for a forest management plan on 50 acres for Hemlock Drive; Betsy Kruse requested a motion to approve contracting him to write the plan. Deb Levesque moved and Judi Lindsey seconded. The motion passed with one abstention. Betsy Kruse mentioned the possibility of using Americorp to build a bridge on the New Boston Road conservation area. She will check into it further.

## **Other Business**

1. Outreach: Amphibian crossing signs – Susan Wilderman will make the signs with her Winter Ecology class: she is not requesting reimbursement for materials.
2. Upper Lamprey Scenic Byway update – Raymond has decided to withdraw. Ellie Davidson is concerned that the Candia listing doesn't include the items she submitted; Betsy Kruse pointed out that the final version would have to be approved by the BOS. The next meeting is January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2013.
3. Newsletter: CE article, Note from the Chair – Betsy Kruse solicited edits; after some discussion Susan Wilderman volunteered to redraft the water protection article.
4. CIP report – Mimi Alberu has a copy of the draft CIP. Sharon Robichaud doesn't expect any further action on this item until April 2013.
5. Town Report – Betsy Kruse asked for suggested items to include in her report. Judi Lindsey recommended the community walks at Hemlock Drive Town Forest and Kinnicum Pond, and Deb Levesque suggested the Critchett and Pepper easements.
6. 250<sup>th</sup> Town Anniversary (walk to Kinnicum tracing the route in the Eaton town history?) – Susan Wilderman suggested a mill walk as an alternative and suggested Diane Philbrick as a possible resource for information. Betsy Kruse also mentioned a mill site where Healy Road meets New Boston Road.

Judi Lindsey moved to adjourn at 8:13 pm, seconded by Susan Wilderman. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Mimi Alberu  
Conservation Commission Clerk