



**Town of Candia**  
**Conservation Commission**  
**74 High Street**  
**Candia, New Hampshire, 03034**  
**February 19, 2013 Minutes (Approved)**

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

**Guests:** Jim Dimaggio, Ken Hoffman and Dan Kern

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

Prior to addressing the regular agenda, Bear-Paw representative Dan Kern was invited to present a potential project for an easement on 41 acres owned by Ken Hoffman; Mr. Hoffman is seeking to sell the development rights and Bear-Paw is seeking help with transaction costs, including an appraisal and survey. A large pond is of key importance on the property, where there have been sightings of Blanding's turtles. Bear-Paw and Mr. Hoffman proposed to share the cost of the appraisal if it comes in under \$30,000 and he decides not to proceed with the project. Dick Snow moved to go forward with the project, seconded by Judi Lindsey. Betsy Kruse recused herself from conducting the vote because she is a Bear-Paw Board member. Vice-chair Judi Lindsey, no longer on the Board of Bear-Paw, conducted the vote. The motion passed unanimously. Susan Wilderman noted that the project certainly has merit, but expressed concern about public perception regarding conservation project selection criteria. The consensus was to wait until after project criteria were clarified before proceeding any further with the appraisal. Dick Snow will provide copies of easement templates to Dan Kern.

**Public Comment Period**

There were no questions or comments presented at the meeting.

**Regular Business**

1. Minutes of previous meetings (January 15, 2013)

The following changes were made:

Page 1 – add Betsy Kruse to list of members present.

Page 2, Item 1 – Ellie Davidson made the motion and Deb Levesque seconded.

Page 3, Item 2 – second-to-last sentence, “to” added in “try to help.”

Page 3, Item 4 – “coring” should be “quarrying.”

Page 3, Item 5 – “mills” should be “mill sites.”

Page 4, Item 7 – “prep” should be in all caps (PREP).

Page 4 – various semicolons changed to periods.

Page 4, Old Business, Item 2, last sentence – “State dogsled trail organization” should be “state sled dog organization.”

Page 5, Item 3 – “Brach” should be “Branch.” Add “ ...turtles, which are reptiles.”

Susan Wilderman moved to accept the minutes as amended, seconded by Judi Lindsey. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Conservation Land/Easement(s) Acquisition Status
  - a. Liquid Planet CE – no update at this time
  - b. Subcommittee/Project Forms – Dick Snow has written a procedure for notifying the BOS about new projects being investigated. We need a process for assessing conservation projects. A subcommittee was formed to review the project forms used by Bear-Paw to assess potential projects, and tailor them specifically for Candia. Volunteers on this committee are Susan Wilderman, Ellie Davidson, Deb Levesque and Mimi Alberu. This group will also review future projects and make recommendations to the CCC.
3. Wetlands Permit Applications – no applications at this time.
4. Land Use/Wetlands/Enforcement Issues/Planning Board

At the last meeting Southern NH Planning Commission gave a PowerPoint presentation on certified sites. This is a marketing strategy for towns to simplify the development process. The March 20<sup>th</sup> meeting will address Candia Crossing’s waiver on building height. Also the marina on South Road wants to build a 4800 sq. ft. addition (2<sup>nd</sup> floor). Betsy mentioned the flyer recently mailed to town residents by Raymond Sand & Gravel, in relation to residents of Island Road. Dick Snow stated that there is a citizens petition to protest the zoning ordinance change, which would require a 2/3 majority to vote in favor of changing the ordinance. Betsy Kruse remarked that they would still have to seek permission to blast if they were to develop the site as a residential zone. Another issue is that Raymond Sand & Gravel has been court-ordered to restore the damage done in Candia, in other words they were blasting illegally on the Candia half of the property. As a result they are seeking to change the zoning for that area.

5. Correspondence –
  - See Raymond Sand & Gravel above
  - Thank-you from Bear-Paw for membership contribution
  - Notice from DES regarding a recently completed geological survey study examining chloride and sodium in NH ground water, confirming that concentrations of both constituents have increased statewide in recent years.
  - Saving Special Places conference postcard flyer – April 6, 2013, \$60 registration fee, \$75 after March 29<sup>th</sup>.
  - PREP Site Plan reading and analysis workshop in Greenland
  - Request from Ron Rees, realtor representing owner of property in the commercial zone on Rte. 27 between ATS Rental and the Post Office. The owner would like to know if the CCC would be interested in purchasing the property. The property does not appear to meet the criteria for conservation.
6. Budget Update/Approval of outstanding payments/invoices
  - \$250 Invoice from Jim Dimaggio for 2012 Web support ( see Item 7 below)

- \$55 invoice from Mimi Alberu for December administrative support was not submitted by the January 14<sup>th</sup> deadline. Dick Snow will see if it can be paid contingent upon submission. Mimi Alberu will email the invoice to Dick Snow. Judi Lindsey moved to pay the invoice, seconded by Ellie Davidson. Susan Wilderman moved to pay Mimi Alberu \$49.44 for January support contingent upon submission, seconded by Deb Levesque . Both motions passed unanimously.
- Dick snow moved to pay \$110 to NE Duplicator for printing the Newsletter, contingent on receipt of invoice. Dick Snow will contact Brian Joas to get the invoice. Dave Ickes seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

7. Conservation Commission Website (CE's, OSP posted COSC info revised?) 2012 invoice

Jim Dimaggio stated that CCC had agreed to pay him a stipend of \$250 annually for Web site support. Betsy Kruse suggested that an agreement should be documented in writing, specifying the requirements for content and streamlining the user interface. Ellie Davidson asked for clarification about changes to the input form for animal sightings. Jim Dimaggio explained that currently when someone fills out the form an e-mail is generated and sent to Catherine Sangillo. She then has to email Jim to enter it in a database. He is changing that so when the form is filled out the database is automatically populated without the need for email. Ellie Davidson moved to pay the \$250 invoice, seconded by Dave Ickes. Betsy Kruse proposed to take the money out of the Administration budget line item. The motion carried unanimously. Dave Ickes agreed to be the main CCC contact for Jim Dimaggio. Betsy Kruse also gave Jim Dimaggio a list of requested changes, as follows:

- Home page – left-hand column, change “goal’s” to “goals.”
- Further down in same column, Natural Resources Inventory is on two lines; this is due to the width of the column. This can be changed so each item has its own “button.”
- There is no write-up on the Hemlock Drive Town Forest as a place of interest; CCC needs to write one up and give it to Jim Dimaggio. Dick Snow mentioned that we have also discussed putting information about the existing conservation easements on the site.
- “About us” section – “member” is misspelled. Dick Snow commented that instead of a list of members there should be a link to the Town website so the list only has to be maintained in one place.
- “Contact us” section and home page – delete references to the Open Space Committee which no longer exists.
- Under “Links” add [www.seltnh.org](http://www.seltnh.org) and Cost of Community Services study.

8. Lamprey River Water Quality Initiatives – no update at this time.

**Old Business**

1. Bear-Paw Status Report – there is a hike at the Isinglass Reserve on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of February, led by Frank Mitchell.
2. Forest Management / Plans for Town Land / Stewardship – Betsy Kruse has contacted the Bear Brook Student Conservation Association and they are willing to come out and look at the

Conservation area on New Boston Rd., but the downed tree is still there. It is a very large pine and work can't proceed until it is removed. If we decide to go ahead with reconstructing a bridge over the river, Betsy Kruse would like someone else to be the contact person for the project. Dick Snow suggested Dennis Lewis.

3. Patrick Mun's Eagle Scout project – Bear-Paw wants to wait until the snow is gone to walk the site with Patrick; Patrick has some time constraints to present his project to the Eagle Board.

### **Other Business**

1. Warrant article follow up – Betsy Kruse remarked that it is imperative to have a strong showing in support of this warrant article. She will send out a group email requesting that people forward the message and get out the vote. Dick Snow reiterated that the important message is to get out and vote this year because the opposition will be voting.
2. Upper Lamprey Scenic Byway update – no update at this time.
3. Newsletter – the newsletter is printed and delivered to Al Mun.
4. CIP report – no update at this time.
5. 250<sup>th</sup> Town anniversary – the kick-off event is March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7 pm. Other events are listed on the commemorative calendar and at [www.candia250.org](http://www.candia250.org).
6. Outreach – Amphibian crossing signs – Susan Wilderman suggested just having “animal crossing” on the signs.
7. Member renewals – Betsy Kruse requested an updated list of CCC members and alternates. Ellie Davidson has an updated list and will make copies for the next meeting. Judi Lindsey, Betsy Kruse and Rick Lazott are up for renewal in 2013.
8. Question of the Month – Dick Snow suggested defining development rights. The suggested new question would be worded as follow. “ Q: What are development rights? A: Development rights are the value of your land if you were going to develop it, for example, put a house on it. When you put a conservation easement on the property you give up the right to build houses on it.” Wording will be finalized by Judi Lindsey.

Chair Betsy Kruse requested a motion to adjourn. Judi Lindsey made the motion, seconded by Susan Wilderman. The motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:52.

Respectfully submitted,

Mimi Alberu  
Conservation Commission Clerk