



Town of Candia
Conservation Commission
74 High Street
Candia, New Hampshire, 03034
May 21, 2013 Minutes (Approved)

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

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

Public Comment Period

No members of the public were present.

Regular Business

1. Minutes of previous meetings (April 16, 2013) – there were no comments or changes on the minutes. Judi Lindsey moved to accept the minutes as recorded, seconded by Ellie Davidson. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Conservation Land/Easement(s) Acquisition Status

Liquid Planet CE – in process.

Project forms – those present reviewed a set of criteria for evaluating potential conservation projects, adapted from documents originated by Bear-Paw Regional Greenways. Betsy Kruse distributed some suggested edits to the project criteria. Judi Lindsey moved to adopt the criteria as amended, seconded by Deb Levesque. The motion passed unanimously. The subcommittee that had done the first pass edits was asked to integrate Dick Snow's procedures for working with the BOS into the Bear-Paw documents. Dick Snow will email his PowerPoint presentation to Mimi Alberu to share with the subcommittee; they will need to meet before the next CCC meeting. Using the new criteria to evaluate the proposed Hoffman project, the Commission proceeded to review aerial and natural resource inventory maps to see how the property meets the criteria. Betsy Kruse voiced a concern about a house that could be encroaching on the proposed easement. Mark Pepper and Dick Snow will walk the property and check for boundary markers, and Dick Snow will check any existing subdivision maps. Further checking is needed to see if there are any managed forest lands included.

3. Wetlands Permit Applications – none received.

4. Land Use/Wetlands/Enforcement Issues/Planning Board – the waiver for building height at the 55+ housing development on High Street was not approved. Betsy Kruse had a concern about agricultural land being used for expansion of the storage facility next to CYAA (former Pleasant Hill Landscaping). However, the new owner is only using the space to park trailers and not making any irreversible changes to the land. Similarly, the South Road ironworks only involves improving the existing building.
5. Correspondence – letter from DES regarding wetlands protection funds available for the Massabesic watershed; also the current Bear-Paw newsletter.
6. Budget Update/Approval of outstanding payments/invoices – motion made by Judi Lindsey to pay Mimi Alberu \$56.57 for administrative services provided in April, seconded by Ellie Davidson; the motion passed unanimously.
7. Conservation Commission Website (CEs, OSP) – Dave Ickes contacted Jim Dimaggio; Jim made all requested updates except posting existing easement documents. He is waiting for Dick Snow to provide these. We will also upload the project criteria to illustrate how they are chosen. There is now a link to SELTNH.org.
8. Lamprey River Water Quality Initiatives – Regional Plan – Dick Snow distributed a draft 2013 Lamprey Rivers Management Plan and Management Plan Guide. A quarter-mile corridor on either side of the river is protected by DES. A portion downstream is part of the Federal Wildlife protection plan (Wild & Scenic designation). The Plan Guide asks for comments from the towns by June 15, 2013. Dick Snow has presented this to the Planning Board and will also present it to the BOS at the June meeting.

Old Business

1. Bear-Paw Status Report – Biothon/Edible Plants walk June 15 – each year teams of naturalists with various areas of expertise log as many species as they can find on Bear-Paw conserved easements. This year they will catalogue the Clay Pond properties with three teams. They have found 984 species to date, and hope to find another 14 this year. This is a fundraising event; contributors can participate in the edible plant ID walk. There will be a gathering at the home of Judi Lindsey after the event.

Auction Committee – this year's auction is planned for Nov. 2nd.

2. Forest Management / Plans for Town Land / Stewardship – Charlie Moreno is working on a management plan for the Hemlock Drive Town Forest. Dick Snow recently took two town residents for a walk there. Dennis Lewis thinks he can reset the New Boston Road bridge and remove the debris underneath.

Sign posts – have not yet been purchased.

Downed tree removal – Dennis Lewis has taken care of this.

Patrick Mun's Eagle Scout project – Patrick is working with Mark West; he doesn't have to complete the project until next year.

Other Business

1. 250th Town anniversary – Shared booth – Betsy Kruse asked Susan Wilderman to check with a group of residents interested in agriculture for a possible collaboration. Judi Lindsey's 4th-grade class is putting together a time capsule. John Ekroth is planning to do geocaching on his property (see www.geocaching.com).
2. Upper Lamprey Scenic Byway update – there was no meeting in May; the next meeting is in June.
3. CIP report – no update yet; Sharon Robichaud has Mimi Alberu's contact info.
4. Outreach – Amphibian crossing signs – some of the signs are up. Betsy Kruse will email Susan Wilderman to determine when the rest will be put up.

Judi Lindsey mentioned the possibility of getting together with other organizations to fund a scholarship to Barry Conservation Camp. We could possibly fund-raise for this purpose on Candia Day. The Junior Women's Club might be interested. We could also subsidize a child's tuition rather than fund the entire amount.

5. CCC members' renewals – letters from Judi Lindsey and Betsy Kruse were delivered to the Selectmen's office; a letter recommending Mark Pepper as an alternate member was also sent.

A motion to adjourn at 8:47 pm was made by Judi Lindsey, seconded by Deb Levesque. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Mimi Alberu
Conservation Commission Clerk