



Town of Candia
Conservation Commission
74 High Street
Candia, New Hampshire, 03034
July 16, 2013 Minutes (Approved)

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

Guest: Al Hall

The meeting called to order at 7:02 pm by Chair Betsy Kruse. Dick Snow was seated as a voting member.

Public Comment Period

No members of the public were present to comment.

Regular Business

1. Minutes of previous meetings (June 18, 2013)

Judi Lindsey moved to accept the minutes as amended by Betsy Kruse, seconded by Dennis Lewis. The motion passed with six in favor and one abstention.

2. Conservation Land/Easement(s) Acquisition Status

Liquid Planet CE

The CCC has not been asked to pay any money toward the easement, therefore the Town should not be required to hold a backup easement; Dick Snow mentioned that he thought the CCC had voted in the past to hold the easement, however we recently recommended that the Town not hold the easement. This is a private easement required by DES, not a voluntary project.

Hoffman project

Mark Pepper voiced his concern about Bear-Paw's interest in this project because of the smaller size. Betsy Kruse said Dan Kern had told her Bear-Paw would come to the CCC with a proposal for an appraisal. Dennis Lewis asked if there was any timeframe for this. Betsy Kruse replied that there wasn't, but she would follow up with Dan Kern. Dennis Lewis also asked what the BOS's position was when she presented the project at their last meeting. One selectman was concerned about narrow road frontage affecting the development rights value. Another is an abutter and would abstain from voting. Another would like a report from a soil scientist. Both Mark Pepper and Dick Snow felt that Ken Hoffman's intent is for us to purchase the easement.

Project procedure forms

The full CCC will review the procedures at the August meeting.

3. Wetlands Permit Applications

No applications at this time.

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

ZRRC meetings/suggestions – there were no suggestions.

5. Correspondence

Betsy Kruse reported on email correspondence with Teresa McNamee, Program Director for the Student Conservation Association at Bear Brook State Park. Ms. McNamee had replied to Betsy Kruse's inquiry regarding the possibility of reconstructing the bridge at the New Boston Road Conservation Area. The consensus was to invite Ms. McNamee to present information at a future CCC meeting regarding projects typically undertaken by the SCA.

6. Budget Update/Approval of outstanding payments/invoices

Judi Lindsey moved to pay Mimi Alberu's invoice for \$50.28, seconded by Mark Pepper. The motion passed unanimously. Dick Snow reported \$8,700 remaining in the Forest Management fund, \$250K in the conservation fund. \$770 has been expended out of a \$2,100 budget. Mark Pepper asked where the conservation fund is invested. Dick Snow replied that the town treasurer has invested it according to the town's investment policy.

7. Conservation Commission Website

Betsy Kruse asked Dick Snow to send electronic copies of easements to Dave Ickes. Dave Ickes will give Jim Dimaggio a copy of the Open Space Plan on DVD.

8. Lamprey River Water Quality Initiatives

No update at this time.

Old Business

1. Bear-Paw Status Report – (Kruse)

Sat. 7/20, 8-10:30pm – Moonlight walk, firefly ID., Strafford

Sat., 8/3, 10am-noon – Family Geocaching, Strafford

Sun., 9/8, 2:30-5pm – Casting on the Suncook, Epsom

Sat., 11/2 Auction, Epsom

Judi Lindsey gave some examples of how Geocaching works. Betsy Kruse clarified that casting was making plaster casts of animal prints.

2. Forest Management / Plans for Town Land / Stewardship

Sign posts – Mark Pepper will buy the posts and bring an invoice to the next meeting.

3. Patrick Mun's Eagle Scout project

Patrick is working directly with DES.

Other Business

1. Outreach – 250th Town anniversary

There was a discussion regarding the Fitts Museum's "A Day in 1763" program and how the CCC may be able to collaborate. Chris Bogard, a biologist who rehabilitates turtles, is giving a talk on wildlife. There is also the possibility of a talk on the use of herbs.

2. Upper Lamprey Scenic Byway update

No update at this time.

3. CIP report

No update at this time.

4. Warrant articles for March 2014

Mark Pepper suggested we submit an article removing the \$25,000 cap on LUCT for the Conservation Fund. There has been very little development recently so there has been a low amount of LUCT coming in.

New Business

The Candia Baptist Church is interested in hosting a farmers' market. Mimi Alberu volunteered to be the liaison.

Betsy Kruse asked the members to think about elections next month.

Judi Lindsey mentioned a property for sale on Merrill Road as a possible future project.

Judi Lindsey made a motion to adjourn at 8:23 pm, seconded by Mark Pepper. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Mimi Alberu
Conservation Commission Secretary