



Town of Candia
Conservation Commission
74 High Street
Candia, New Hampshire, 03034
August 20, 2013 Minutes (Unapproved)

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

Guest: Al Hall

Meeting called to order at 7:00 by Chair Betsy Kruse. Dick Snow and Mimi Alberu seated as voting members.

Public Comment Period

No members of the public were present at the comment period.

Regular Business

1. Minutes of previous meetings (July16, 2013)

Judy Lindsey moved to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Dick Snow. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Liquid Planet CE

Liquid Planet is pursuing their easement independently; this item is closed.

Hoffman project – Dan Kern and Ken Hoffman could not be present at the meeting. Mark Pepper recommended that we expend the \$1500 appraisal fee for the property. Betsy Kruse had discussed with Dan Kern the need for a formal proposal for this project. She doesn't feel we should expend any funds without approval from the BOS. Dennis Lewis asked whether we are affected by the Town's new purchasing policy. Since the money in the Conservation Fund is already earmarked for expenses pertaining to easements this should not be an issue. It was suggested we finalize project procedures before going forward.

Project procedures – the Commission then reviewed Betsy Kruse’s proposed language for project procedures. Mark Pepper moved to accept the resulting Standard Implementation Process and Procedures as edited, seconded by Judi Lindsey. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Wetlands Permit Applications

Public Service Line Reconstruction project – the project manager has contacted the Town and requested a meeting. However, landowners were sent a letter several months ago detailing trees to be removed, etc., so this will not be necessary.

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

There was no Planning Board meeting the first week of the month.

5. Correspondence – memo from Donna Becker requesting a proposed 2014 budget, discussed under Item 6 below.

6. Budget Update/Approval of outstanding payments/invoices/2014 Budget proposal

- Judy Lindsey moved to pay Mimi Alberu \$50.28 for July administrative duties, seconded by Dennis Lewis. The motion passed unanimously.
- Dick Snow moved to spend \$100 from Materials, \$65.70 from Forest Management to reimburse Mark Pepper for purchasing posts for signs, seconded by Mimi Alberu. The signs are for Town properties. The motion passed unanimously.
- Per the aforementioned memo from Donna Becker a budget needs to be developed by August 30. Following was a discussion to propose a budget for 2014. Mark Pepper moved to submit the budget to the BOS, seconded by Dick Snow. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Conservation Commission Website (CEs, OSP)

Per an e-mail from Dave Ickes on 8/19, Jim Dimaggio has posted the Open Space Plan to the Web site. Dick Snow stated that it would be impractical to scan all of the easement documents to post them on the site because of the large number of pages. The consensus was to upload a boilerplate for sample easement language; Mark Pepper will forward an electronic copy to Dave Ickes. Anyone who would like to see the actual easements can view them at the Town Offices.

8. Lamprey River Water Quality Initiatives

The Watershed Assoc. is holding its 30th anniversary meeting in October. The Advisory Committee is completing its Management Plan for the 14 towns in the Rivers Management Program. Included are a Land Protection/Conservation Key Actions Plan, and a Clean and Abundant Waters Key Actions Plan.

Old Business

1. Land Trust Status Report – Bear-Paw – on 9/8 Lisa Clark from Podunk Rd., Candia is presenting Casting on the Suncook, making plaster casts of animal print; the annual auction is Nov. 2nd; November Roundtable – have received a grant to update NRI maps for each member town. The new set will include a resiliency feature, delineating areas that are significant because they are resilient to, or will be particularly impacted by climate change. The Roundtable will be focusing on these maps.
2. Forest Management / Plans for Town Land / Stewardship
 - No update on the Hemlock Drive forest management plan.
 - Sign posts – Mark Pepper has purchased the posts; Mark Pepper and Dennis Lewis will install the signs by the September meeting.
 - Patrick Mun’s Eagle Scout project – it was suggested there should be a liaison from CCC to track his progress; Judi Lindsey will contact him to get an updated status.

Other Business

1. 250th Town anniversary – Chris Bogard will be at the Smyth Library talking about turtle rehabilitation. Mimi Alberu will be at the Fitts Museum’s Day in 1763, presenting historical uses of herbs.
2. Upper Lamprey Scenic Byway update – still waiting for the governor’s approval.
3. CIP report – no update at this time.
4. Farmers’ Market – Mimi Alberu has been in touch with Darlene Cossaboom; no meeting to date.
5. Monitoring conservation properties – Dennis Lewis suggested we should submit a report for inclusion in the town’s annual report. Betsy Kruse suggested we invite the public to join Joe Miele and Joe Collette in monitoring the New Boston property. Next month we will bring a list of town properties to the meeting and assign members for monitoring.
6. Elections – Mark Pepper has agreed to co-chair with Betsy Kruse. Judi Lindsey has agreed to continue as Vice-Chair. Dick Snow moved to nominate Mark Pepper and Betsy Kruse as co-chairs, seconded by Judi Lindsey. Dick Snow moved to nominate Judi Lindsey as Vice Chair, seconded by Mark Pepper. Both motions passed unanimously.

Dick Snow moved to adjourn at 8:59 pm, seconded by Judi Lindsey. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Mimi Alberu
Conservation Commission Secretary