



**Town of Candia**  
**Conservation Commission**  
74 High Street  
Candia, New Hampshire, 03034  
October 15, 2013 Minutes (Unapproved)

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

**Guest:** Patrick Mun, Eagle Scout project report –

Patrick Mun requested a sign-off from the CCC on the completion of his project. He mentioned that Judi Lindsey had taken photos on the town walk on the Candia 250<sup>th</sup> celebration. There were about 20 people on that walk. He cleared the trail and constructed two bridges, one 12' and the other 24' long. He also constructed a means of water diversion because there was water eroding part of the trail, and relabeled the trail using yellow diamond-shaped markers placed every 10' to 15' apart. Folks have been using the trail since the completion of the project. The trail is approximately a mile long, and connects with another trail. The total network of three trails is about three miles long. Betsy Kruse inquired about DES approval for the stream crossing. Patrick replied that this had been obtained. Dick Snow moved to approve the successful completion of the project. The motion passed unanimously.

**Public Comment Period** – there were no members of the public present to comment.

**Regular Business**

1. Minutes of previous meetings (September 17, 2013) – Mark Pepper moved to approve the minutes as amended, seconded by Judi Lindsey. The motion passed unanimously.
2. Conservation Land/Easement(s) Acquisition Status

Hoffman project – Dan Kern, Ken Hoffman – Mark Pepper distributed a Conservation Appraisal Agreement document for the Hoffman project, based on the same template used for his easement. Betsy Kruse expressed some concern with the wording of the document regarding the timing of reimbursement of the appraisal fee in the event of sale of the property, or a decision not to move forward with the project. She suggested researching a means of putting a time limit on making a decision to move forward or not. The consensus was to make some minor modifications to the language after inquiring how various land trusts handle this issue.

It was also mentioned that a property owner on Currier Road inquired about easements.

Project procedures – results of presentation at the BOS meeting – the procedures were unanimously voted in by the BOS. Mark Pepper verified with the BOS that we can expend \$1,500 for appraisal fees without obtaining prior permission.

3. Wetlands Permit Applications – none at this time.
4. Land Use/Wetlands/Enforcement Issues/Planning Board

The only thing on the agenda for the PB meeting is an application for a 1,500 sq.' addition for The Cutting Edge on Deer Run Road.

5. Correspondence

- Flyer for Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> annual meeting of NHACC; there will probably be four attendees from CCC.
- DES newsletter.

6. Budget Update/Approval of outstanding payments/invoices

Dick Snow requested a motion to pay \$56.56 to Mimi Alberu for September administrative duties. Betsy Kruse made the motion, seconded by Mark Pepper. The motion passed unanimously.

2014 Budget proposal/ letter of support for SNHPC – Bill Sturges is working on an appeal to the Budget Committee for reconsideration of membership. Betsy Kruse suggested the CCC should write a letter of support to the Budget Committee, detailing how we have benefitted from their services. Susan Wilderman concurred. Dennis Lewis will do so in his role as road agent. Judi Lindsey will remind the Planning Board to send a copy of their letter to the Budget Committee.

7. Conservation Commission Website

COSC info is still on town site. Mimi Alberu will check with Catherine Sangillo about having it removed. Dick Snow reiterated that we would like to put an example of reserved rights in a conservation easement, as most of the other text is boilerplate. Mark Pepper will try to scan a document for Dave Ickes to give to Jim Dimaggio.

8. Lamprey River Water Quality Initiatives

The Lamprey River Association's 30th anniversary meeting is Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>.

Regarding the North Branch, the BOS had a discussion on the incinerator closure. They are submitting a memo to DES requesting a waiver from having to remove the incinerator ash from the site – it is solid waste but not hazardous.

## **Old Business**

1. Land Trust Report

Oct. 26<sup>th</sup> – there is a family outing at the Cumings Farm on South Road in Deerfield. The Bear-Paw annual auction is Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>, tickets are \$35; an insert in the newsletter has descriptions of the auction items. A Roundtable discussion co-hosted by The Nature Conservancy on Nov. 12 will focus on the new Natural Resource Inventory mapping project made possible through a grant.

Ed Fowler's easement property on Palmer Road will be monitored on Saturday, Nov. 16, from 9-11 am. Registration with Bear-Paw is required. It was suggested we encourage Candia residents to attend through a notice in the Banner. Judi Lindsey will check with Ed Fowler to make sure he's agreeable to this.

2. Forest Management / Plans for Town Land /Stewardship

- Charlie Moreno will try to complete the forest management plan for the Hemlock Drive town forest by the end of the year.
- Sign posts are still not installed. Mark Pepper and Dennis Lewis will try to do on 10/26.
- Student Conservation Association New Boston Road bridge project – this project is on hold until we hear from Teresa McNamee. Grant money would be required to fund it.

**Other Business**

1. Upper Lamprey Scenic Byway update – waiting for the Governor to establish a council.
2. CIP report – no update at this time.
3. Farmers' Market – this item is tabled for now.
4. Newsletter – Betsy Kruse has received an article from Susan Wilderman about the wildlife crossing signs, and a short piece from Judi Lindsey about the Patrick Mun project. She is waiting for an article from Dick Snow about the LUCT cap on the Conservation Fund.
5. Monitoring town properties – it was suggested that we should invite the public to walk the town properties that the CCC supervises. The consensus was to offer this opportunity periodically. Dennis Lewis mentioned that Selectman Robie is logging some property that abuts the Fogarty Road property and has offered to allow logging trucks to cross his property. No action is needed at this time.
6. M. Alberu resignation – Mark Pepper moved to accept the Secretary's resignation, effective when a replacement is found. Judi Lindsey seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Betsy Kruse inquired what was required to post the position. A job posting needs to be drafted.

Mark Pepper moved to adjourn at 8:36, seconded by Judi Lindsey. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Mimi Alberu  
Conservation Commission Secretary