



Town of Candia

Conservation Commission

74 High Street

Candia, New Hampshire, 03034

Candia Conservation Commission Minutes May 20th, 2014 Approved

Attendees: Vice-chair Judi Lindsey, Dennis Lewis, Ellie Davidson, Susan Wilderman, and Dick Snow.

Guests: Ken Hoffman resident, Dan Kern, Director of Bear-Paw Regional Greenways.

Meeting called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Vice Chair Judi Lindsey following the Pledge of Allegiance. Dick Snow was seated as a voting member.

Public Comment Period:

REGULAR BUSINESS:

1. Minutes from April 20th, minor corrections.

Dennis Lewis motioned to accept minutes as corrected. Ellie Davidson seconded. Passed unanimously.

2. Hoffman Project:

Dan Kern and Ken Hoffman were seated at the table to discuss the acquisition status of the easement. Dan has done a pre-proposal for the Hoffman project for the NH Dept. of Environmental Services - Aquatic resource mitigation fund/grant program. Focusing on conserving and restoring wetlands. Dan passed out copies of the pre-proposal response to the committee. There is approximately 150K available in the watershed for 13 pre-proposal projects. Pre-proposals are done in April and a complete application is done in August. Dan feels that due to the size of the Hoffman project it seems highly unlikely that we will get funded, due to the number of projects and the size of the Hoffman property. In the past Bear-Paw has received 3 or 4

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ARM grants. One in this coastal watershed which is Piscataquog/Salmon River and three in the Merrimack watershed. They received 200k for Clay Pond which is 536 acres which they received 20% of funding. Evans Mountain which they received 350k. Hinman Pond in Hooksett which was a million dollar project they received 500k, and the Boy Scout Property in Barnstead, Pittsfield and Strafford they received 350k for 500 acres. Dan feels these are the level of projects they are looking at in the coastal watershed. South East Land Trust has 3 large projects for which they have applied for. If we continue with this grant we need to have a wetland study done over the summer for the Aug/Sept application deadline. A group of people will evaluate the applications, which include DES, Army Corp of Engineers, Fish & Game, private individuals and wetland scientists.

We will also need to pay for the wetland study and Bear-Paw's time prior to the application, but it might be worth it if we think the project will be accepted. The cost for these additional items will be approximately 4k, which included \$2500 for a wetland study and \$1k for Bear-Paw's time and investment. Dan feels this project is a long shot. Dick Snow questioned the wetland survey. There is none unless you get the grant. If it gets funded we would only get 31k due to the wetland study and Bear-Paw's fees. We could also look at South East Land Trust and state wide organizations for additional grants. Does the CCC want to continue with the project without outside funding? Bear-Paw would help but Dan doesn't think it will change the analysis of the project. Dan feels the additional 4k is a long shot to pursue the grant.

Dick Snow motioned: Due to the unlikelihood of receiving a grant we would continue with the Hoffman project, without pursuing additional funding thru Bear-Paw.

Ellie Davidson seconded. Passed unanimously.

Dick Snow and Ken Hoffman will work together to finalize the paperwork to be sent to the BOS for the June 23rd meeting. The BOS may be responsive if we include a pre-proposal, rights/access and restrictions for the easement. A Purchase and Sale agreement will follow. Ken will be unavailable for our next meeting which is June 17th, but will be at the BOS meeting on June 23rd.

3. Wetlands Permit Applications:

Dennis Lewis said town engineers are putting a wetland permit application in for Depot Rd. for culvert replacements.

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

Paintball business is being reviewed by Stantec.

Farm stand business is still being reviewed.

5. Correspondence:

Ellie Davidson SNH Planning Commission notice regarding the monthly meeting.

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Granite State Dairy sent a book with a letter regarding information was just received tonight and Dennis will review it. After the CCC reviews the book it was suggested to give it to the Library.

6. Budget Update:

Judi received an invoice from Donna Del Rosso for services for the month of April.

Dick Snow motioned to accept invoice of \$106.85, Susan Wilderman seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

Dick Snow has been paid for his conference.

7. Conservation Commission Website:

New contact person needed to keep the website updated. Someone that would just contact Jim Dimaggio when needed. Susan Wilderman will do it when she comes back in September.

8. Lamprey River Water Quality Initiatives:

Dick Snow talked about lots of meetings and a coastal symposium meeting. Dennis will send LRAC a copy of the application for the towns wetland permit.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Land Trust:

Bear-Paw Biothon coming up, information available on the Bear-Paw web-site.

- 2. Forest Management:** Donna Del Rosso located the report in the file cabinet. Dennis Lewis will ask Charlie Moreno to e-mail this report so we can put it on the website. Susan Wilderman will forward to Jim Dimaggio.

Dick Snow and Jim Lindsey realize the property lines are unclear on the New Boston parcel, and will work on it.

3. SCA Project:

Logs on New Boston Rd. should be 60' long not 16' long. Sean James is working on a bridge plan. Measurements, lengths and expansion are all being taken into consideration for the best bridge. Sean may have some ideas or suggestions by the next meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. CIP:

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No report.

2. Fall walk to Kinnicum Pond

Dennis Lewis to check with Dick Weeks to see what day is best for him; we are looking towards a Sunday afternoon in September.

3. Barry Conservation Camp

How will the committee choose applicant? We will work on fine tuning the process over the summer. We need to have the application by Feb. Essay – what is conservation?

4. Wildlife crossing signs

Dennis Lewis said there would be no cost for the white corrugated ones.

5. Re-ups

Bill Nichols is willing to stay on board as an alternate.

Dick Snow motioned to have Chair Betsy Kruse send a letter to the BOS recommending re-appointing Bill Nichols as an alternative member, with the consensus of the Conservation Committee.

6. Mission Statement, By-laws

Donna Del Rosso could not find anything in the file cabinet. Susan Wilderman thinks she may have something on her computer and will check.

There was no other business addressed.

Susan Wilderman motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Dennis Lewis. Passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Donna Del Rosso