



Town of Candia
Conservation Commission
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Candia, New Hampshire
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Candia Conservation Commission July 15th, 2014 Minutes Approved

Attendees:

Chair Betsy Kruse, Vice-chair Judi Lindsey, Ellie Davidson, Dick Snow (Alt.), Donna Del Rosso recording secretary

Guest: Ken Hoffman

Meeting called to order at 7:01 pm by Chair Betsy Kruse following the Pledge of Allegiance. Dick Snow was seated as a voting member.

Regular Business:

Public Comment Period:

Ken Hoffman was updated with information from the BOS meeting. Betsy stated the BOS is looking for more objective proof that the project is worth spending the funds requested. The Commission discussed ways to obtain a demonstration of what could be built on the Hoffman property. The BOS was concerned about the development on this parcel Betsy stated that ordinances may change over a period of time and it would be valuable to keep this parcel as an easement. Verification of the road frontage on Ken's driveway needs to be defined. Ken will check his deed but believes it is 50', he will confirm this information. Ken will also check with the registry of deeds in Brentwood. The agreement of 65K for developmental rights based on Marcia's appraisal still stands, if the valuation of Ken's property is higher the CCC will discuss other options. Ken feels the BOS wants more information and he is not willing to risk any more out of pocket expenses on this project. Ken is willing to co-operate and assist as long as there is no more expense to him. The CCC feels this is a great piece of property to protect because it has great trails, a beaver pond and is so close to Bear Brook. Betsy and Dick also suggested a bargain sale, which is a partial donation of Ken's land. The donation amount would be taken off his taxes over a number of years. The BOS is concerned over the 50' road frontage, that it may not be developable at this time. Ken states there are 3 other properties on Podunk Rd. that he abuts and they could put in a road if his property was combined and create house lots. Ken also stated

that at the BOS meeting someone stated the property is in a federal flood plain. A survey and site work was done and an appeal was submitted and now is re-classified. He has all the paperwork showing his property is not in a federal flood plain. Dick suggested that we look at other options such as finding someone else to finance the 65K and then the CCC would pay the transaction costs of 15K. Dick also thought grants and/or stewardships might be a good resource. Is the CCC willing to spend more money at this time? Betsy is reluctant due to the number of uncertain facts. Judi and Ellie feel the same way. Dick will check into other options with the consensus of the other members. Ken thanked the CCC for all the time and hard work put into this project.

1. Minutes of previous meeting:

Suggestions were given to Donna to revise. Betsy will also send a new format to Donna.

Dick Snow motioned to accept minutes as revised

Seconded by Judi Lindsey

Motion passed unanimously

2. Wetland Permit Applications:

Ellie received the CCC's copy of the wetland permit approval for Depot Rd. culvert project. Betsy will sign the copy and Ellie will keep on file.

Ellie motioned to have Betsy sign the CCC copy

Seconded by Judi

Passed unanimously

Dick reported that a new application from the BOS was sent to DES, regarding a new cap on the New Boston Rd old landfill site. The incinerator ash will be spread out and then capped again. At this time there is no involvement concerning the CCC.

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

Judi stated there was no Planning Board meeting last month due to lack of issues. The Planning Board will meet on Wednesday 7/16 to hear details regarding the paintball business. The Planning Board does not want them to do any more development until they adhere to the criteria first discussed.

4. Correspondence:

Ellie passed out envelopes addressed to all CCC members.

Betsy received an e-mail from Ernest Dankwah, he is looking to update the granite conservation land data layer. Judi will ask Jim Lindsey if he is familiar with researching granite layers. Betsy will check with Mr. Dankwah regarding his request.

5. Budget Update/Approval of outstanding payments/invoices:

Donna submitted an invoice for the month of June in the amount of \$62.85.

Betsy motioned to pay the amount of \$62.85 to Donna.

Seconded by Ellie.

Passed unanimously

Budget discussions included the payment of Barry Camp Scholarship coming from the CCC account. Can the CCC spend money for private purposes? Dick thinks it should be done thru town by an endowment, discussion will continue on this topic. Money could be spent on CCC members to be educated but might not include the public. Dick will check into this and relay his findings.

6. Conservation Commission Website:

Judi visited the site and a variety of items are missing: minutes and agendas. We also need to update CCC members. Betsy will check with Mark Pepper. Judi suggested that the CCC site have more pictures and less text to encourage people to continue with the site. Dick thought the turtle crossing signs would be a good image on the site to keep residents informed when traveling around town. Judi's contact information should also be deleted.

7. Lamprey River Water Quality Initiatives:

Dick has a request for the CCC for him continue to be on the advisory board of the Lamprey River. His appointment ends in August and he needs to be nominated as a representative from Candia. Dick would like the CCC to send a memo with the form to the BOS requesting his re-nomination to the Lamprey River Advisory Committee.

Judi motion to request Dick for this position.

Seconded by Ellie

Dick abstained

Motion passed

Judi thanked Dick for doing this. Betsy will get memo and form together and submit to BOS for 7/28 meeting.

Old Business

1. Land Trust Report:

Nothing new to report.

2. Forest Management / Plans for Town Land /Stewardship (Lewis)

Nothing new to report.

Dick would like to get one of the town's stewardship properties surveyed. He will check with Jim Franklin to see what it would cost. Dick would like to have the 30 acre parcel near the Hooksett line done.

3. SCA project (Lewis)

Nothing new to report.

Other Business

1. Barry Conservation Camp:

Nothing new to report.

2. Fall walk to Kinnicum:

Nothing new to report.

3. Wildlife crossing signs:

Judi presented information from Lisa Clark on Podunk Rd. A caution sign was applied with stickers put on a piece of plywood and hung. The CCC could do something like that, but put them on stakes and put them around town to inform residents. Betsy would like to see them around town. Donna will find out caution sign and sticker prices.

Next month, Betsy would like to pull out a map and talk about specific sites around town to display these signs.

4. Mission Statement, By-Laws:

Dick said no by-laws have been found, but he will work on mission statement.

Donna will scan booklet of N.H. Assoc. of Conservation Commission for by-laws and/or mission statement procedures.

Judi reported that Bear-Paw's annual meeting will be held in January 2015 at the Hooksett Library. Ben Kilham, the bear expert, will be there. Bear-Paw is trying to drum up interest and participation.

No other business addressed

Motion made by Judi to adjourn the meeting.

Seconded by Ellie.

No further discussion

Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned 8:35 p.m.

Minutes Submitted by Donna Del Rosso