



Town of Candia
Conservation Commission
74 High Street
Candia, New Hampshire, 03034
Meeting Minutes

Conservation Commission 3/21/2017 Minutes Approved

Present: Chair Susan Wilderman, Vice-Chair Judi Lindsey, Betsy Kruse, Dennis Lewis, Ellie Davidson, Mark Laliberte, alt. Dick Snow (who was seated as a voting member) and recording Secretary Donna Del Rosso.

Meeting called to order @ 7 p.m. by Chair Susan, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Special Guest: Scholarship winner TJ Buck was present; the CCC presented him with a Certificate of Appreciation. He is very interested in learning more about nature.

Mark also reported that now the Town Community website has been taken down and a new one will be put back on Facebook.

Regular Business:

1. Dick motioned to accept the minutes as amended. Betsy seconded. No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously. Judi abstained.

2. Wetland Permit Applications: No new applications at this time.

3. Land Use/Wetlands/Enforcement Issues/Planning Board – Members discussed having an open work session meeting between all commission/boards to discuss communication and coordination among them regarding future site plans that come before the town. The Conservation Commission feels all town entities involved should be consulted when reviewing the plans so everyone will be aware if there are any concerns that need to be discussed. Judi Lindsey will touch base with the Planning Board on April 5th for a tentative date in May. The High St. subdivision approval has been challenged by some abutters, who have concerns about the impact on wetlands on the property. Judi will check with the Planning Board about responding to the abutters.

Dennis reported Chester Rd. is still on the table but our Planning Board has received no new plans. He feels the entrances from Crowley Rd. to the town line (about 300 ft.) should be deeded to the Town of Chester for maintenance.

Betsy wanted to know if there was a way for residents to get copies of the new Master Plan. The next Planning Board meeting will have plans available for the public and they are also available on the Town website.

4. Correspondence: Letter received from Ed & Sharon Larpenner regarding subdivision application #16-008 and the HISS (High Intensity Soil Sample) mapping of that parcel. Chair Susan will send a note to let them know their letter is under review.

Ellie reviewed a letter from FEMA regarding information about draft flood insurance maps. We received a brochure for the Saving Special Places conference on April 8th. We also received newsletters from the Southeast Land Trust and the forest News by Wardsworth Woodlands from Hiram Me.

5. Chair Susan will inform the BOS that there is now a 1 yr. vacancy for the rest of Mimi's term, and openings for alternatives.

6. Budget Update/Approval of outstanding payments/invoices: Betsy motioned to pay Donna for the Feb. minutes with the new rate on the 2017 budget. Ellie seconded. No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously. Going forward Chair Susan will sign Donna's voucher and leave it in the mailbox (for Donna B) in the Selectmen's office. Ellie reported that funds were not used from 2016 budget for the payment of the newsletter and some other items. No funds were encumbered, although the CCC had discussed requesting this at its December 2016 meeting. Going forward Mark will assist with encumbering funds for the CCC if necessary.

7. CCC Website – All members are now on the Candia Conservation website and will be able to view all pictures submitted for the scholarship calendars.

Dick wanted to know if the trail maps could be added to the website.

Conservation members list will be updated on the website by Catherine.

8. The Heritage Commission, Bear-Paw and CCC will hold a joint event at the Library on Wednesday, May 10th @ 630 p.m., to share some stories regarding walks around town and various volunteer opportunities. Ellie will make cookies and Betsy will bring cider. The CCC will also hold a work session at the Deerfield Rd. Town Forest on Saturday, May 13th.

Information will follow.

Judi also reported that the Library had a "volunteer" page and maybe the CCC could be added to that. Chair Susan will check with Heidi to see what is involved.

Old Business:

1. Land Trust Reports: Bear Paw's Breakfast in The Barn will be held on April 29th, from 9 – 10:30 a.m. in Strafford.

2. Lamprey Water Quality Initiatives: The warrant article passed, so we will adjust next year's budget request accordingly.

The SWA is working on storm water ordinances to help communities comply with the new MS4's requirements that passed on January 18th.

3. Forest Management/Plans for Town Land/Stewardship: Dennis made contact with Charlie and he is working on them.

Chair Susan has taken a walk on Flint Rd. parcel and did not find any damage from last year's forest fire.

Vice-Chair Judi reported the sign is down on the Deerfield Rd. Town Forest is down, Dennis will put it back up.

Other Business:

1. 2016 calendar update: Dennis will work on getting funds from the Trustees of the Trust Fund for the scholarship payment.

2. Other: Mark congratulated the committee on obtaining the 2 parcels on New Boston Rd.

Vice Chair Judi motioned to adjourn @ 8:30 p.m. Ellie seconded. No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Donna Del Rosso.