

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

September 19, 2017 Approved minutes

Present: Chair Susan Wilderman, Vice-chair Judi Lindsey, Dennis Lewis, Betsy Kruse, Ellie Davidson, Mark Laliberte, Dick Snow (alt.) and recording secretary Donna Del Rosso.

Guest(s): T.J Buck (2017 calendar scholarship winner) and Scott Komisarek-BOS.

Meeting called to order at 7p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment Period: T.J. spoke on his camp experience this past summer. He learned to shoot, archery, fishing, canoeing, hiking and met some great cabin mates. T.J. had a positive experience and would encourage others to apply for the camp scholarship. He also showed members of the Commission some pictures he had taken while at camp. He had a great picture of a calf moose that was on the side of the road on his way to camp. Members thanked him for coming in and speaking on his camp experience. A photo was taken and will be used for the Newsletter and the 2018 calendar.

Mark Laliberte recused himself to speak on behalf of the BOS on selling two lots, approximately 10 acres to the owners of Irving (Wild Cat Development). There will be two (2) additional public input meetings: Sept. 25th and Oct. 9th at the BOS meetings. Mark reported the parcels are "light industrial" and should not interfere with Conservation concerns. Voting will determine the sale or a warrant article. Susan will draft a communication to the BOS in regards to the CCC not having any objections in regards to conservations concerns with the sale of this property at this time. Dick motioned to have the CCC send a letter, Betsy seconded, no further discussion; motion passed unanimously, Mark abstained.

Regular Business:

Mark re-joined the CCC for remainder of the meeting.

1. Minutes of previous meeting(s) June 20th and Aug. 19th. Susan motioned to accept the minutes as amended, Judi seconded, no further discussion, motion passed unanimously. Susan and Mark abstained.

Susan motioned to accept the August minutes as amended, Ellie seconded, no further discussion, motion passed unanimously. Judi abstained.

2. Wetlands Permit Applications – Nothing new was received.

3. Land Use/Wetlands/Enforcement Issues/Planning Board - Dennis spoke on Chester Turnpike (sub-division) regarding the wetland concerns, an abutter was present at the Planning Board meeting reported the lots were purchased with a protected covenant that restricted any further sub-division from 1970. The Planning Board voted to continue the meeting at another date in October. Betsy spoke on the ZBA article in the Banner regarding Co-Parts they want to extend the lot, she voiced concern on the 150' buffer from the river. The hearing is Sept. 26th. Dick indicated that they could not extend the original plan. Betsy will try to attend the meeting. Betsy will report to the CCC the meeting results. Dennis reported another sub-division on New Boston (top of the hill) large parcel divided about 10 yrs. ago, now the developer came in for 2 (two) more subdivisions. The Planning Board pulled out all the files and will review the plans. Susan questioned the process for "site" visits. Susan thought a visual conception would help all boards in determining the outcome. Vice-chair Judi will ask the Planning Board if this is possible. Dennis thought that after each Town meeting that all members could have an educational session.

Dennis reported that Crowley Rd. development is still waiting for the traffic study. Dick also spoke on a development in Raymond that would also affect the traffic in Candia.

Dick inquired about the old Stubby's lot concerning the development.

4. Correspondence – Ellie received from NHACC their 48th annual meeting. SELT newsletter, Great Day Matters magazine and Seacoast Harvest. The CCC also received a thank-you card from T.J. Buck (2017 scholarship camp winner).

5. Budget Update/Approval of outstanding payments/invoices - Betsy motioned to pay Donna \$166.65 for June, and \$113.63 for August administrative duties, Judi seconded, no further discussion, motion passed unanimously. Ellie reported current use change tax \$5877.50 was received and added to the Conservation fund.

6. Conservation Commission Website – Susan reported everything is up to date.

Old Business:

1. Land trusts reports – Susan is working with Bear-Paw on getting grants for the easement costs on the Fowler and Sanborn properties.

Betsy did the Bear-Paw swim and they collected almost 12K.

Dennis reported the easement on his mom's property (approx. 120+ acres) should be done in about 7 wks. SELT applied for the grants so no funds will be used from Town funds.

2. Water Quality Initiatives – Dick had nothing new to report. Susan reported Sam Demeritt said that the Lamprey River Water Alliance would like to have a Candia member join the board, members at this time could not commit to the time.

3. Forest Management – Dennis spoke with Charlie Moreno who reported that the Hemlock Drive forest regeneration is changing and he will update the management plans. Susan would like members to look at the calendar for a walk.

Other Business:

1. Newsletter – Betsy is working on articles for the newsletter. Flint Rd. clean-up work, Old Home Day, TJ Buck's scholarship camp experience, and other updated projects. Betsy will work on it and send to the members for review (she will not be here for the next meeting) and members will discuss at November's meeting.

Betsy wanted to know if the CCC members would be interested in having a speaker (Sherry Godluski-sp?) on Climate Control, she will contact her to see if she is available, members discussed maybe after the holidays. Judi suggested to have the talk at the Library and the CCC would sponsor the event, maybe some light refreshments was suggested.

Judi attended a meeting at the Hooksett Library regarding burials on their "own" land. Questions regarding statutes were discussed, more information to follow.

Friday, Sept 22nd there will be an informational meeting regarding the 4 corner district.

2. 2017 Barry Conservation Calendar - Members discussed the last 6 pictures needed for the 2018 calendar. Susan will contact Mark Giulucci for some of his pictures and forward to members for selection approval, members will decide next meeting. Susan would like to have more information on the website so residents can forward/submit pictures for ease of selection.

Mark motioned to adjourn at 8:15 p.m., Judi seconded, no further discussion, motion passed unanimously.

Next meeting, Oct. 17th, 7 p.m. at Town Hall. Minutes submitted by Donna Del Rosso.