



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

5/15/2018 Approved minutes

Chair Susan called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Chair Susan Wilderman, Vice-chair Judi Lindsey, Dennis Lewis, Mark Laliberte, Betsy Kruse, Ellie Davidson, Alt. Dick Snow and Administrative Assistant Donna Del Rosso.

Guest: Linda White spoke about the Mother's Day flood in 2018 at the Beaver Pond with the flooding near the Abe Emerson Tract, near Patten Hill Rd, Depot Rd. and Chester Rd. (which is a State Rd.), and along the rail trail (which is almost gone) the walking trails are also disappearing. Suggestions were discussed regarding how to control it, maybe a beaver pipe, the land is owned by the Audubon (Phil Brown – Land Mgmt.). Mark reached out to DES and was offered some suggestions, but some of the solutions may create more problems. There is about 200 acres of water behind the dam and if it gets released it could cause some major flooding or wash out Patten Hill Road. Chair Susan will draft a letter to concerned parties, gather some information and proceed forward.

Regular Business:

1. Previous Minutes: Betsy motioned to accept the minutes as amended, Vice-chair Judi seconded, no further discussion, motion passed. Chair Susan and Mark abstained.

2. Wetland Permit Applications: No new permits were received. Chair Susan received via e-mail that the permit for Map 411 Lot 51 has been extended/approved for the new owners.

3. Land Use/Wetlands/Enforcement Issues/Planning Board: Chester Conservation was looking to put together a bond for the purchase of the Crowley Woods subdivision, from the developer; they could not secure funding sources. Chester wanted to get Candia involved to see if they would be interested in contributing;

Chair Susan indicated that many departments would need to be involved for a small portion of the land involved (approximately 6 acres that lie in Candia). The Commission asked Susan to contact the Chester Conservation Commission again to encourage them to try again to work with the landowner toward protecting that land since there are many options besides the town purchasing the land. Dennis suggested that the CCC should look at the development of subdivisions, (zoning ordinances), near conservations areas before this happens to Candia. Scott Komisarek has presented new plans (to the Planning Board) for the development (43) houses 35 ft. apart across from the Town Hall. They found water closer to the road.

4. Correspondence: Ellie received from DES a complaint dated 4/26 regarding a pond at 14 Jane Dr. that was drained, but the letter was not signed. DES did not take any action since Goggle aerial maps showed no changes.

Letter received from Bear-Paw thanking the Commission for their help with the Fowler conservation easement.

Ellie suggested a general area for the CCC to pick up mail. Mark will have Andria order a plastic wall bin and have it installed.

The CCC also received their copy of the Great Bay magazine.

Administrative Assistant Donna gave the CCC a list of the upcoming seminars that may interest the members.

5. Budget Update/Approval of outstanding payments/invoices: Vice-chair Judi motioned to pay Donna \$100.56 for 6.5 hrs. for April services, Betsy seconded, no further discussion, motioned passed.

6. Conservation Commission Website: Chair Susan will update Catherine with the current list of members and their titles/positions.

Instructions for calendar pictures have also been updated on the website.

7. Trail Planning Update: Betsy contacted Dan (Bear Paw) and Brian (SELT) for trail planning grants. Dan asked if a list had been developed, currently no. Brian commented that there is a list of recreational trail programs from NH State Parks. The application is due 6/22 (for 2019) which has 11 pgs. of information and 11 more pgs. of the actual application process. Betsy only printed out some of the items that we would need to think about if the CCC were to apply for the grant. The CCC would have to match 20% of the project value, max. is 80K or 80% of the total project value. The application could include a group like AmeriCorps, or a professional trail designer in the grant. We would need to make some decisions as far as what we would like to have on the trails. The CCC has some good information and will further review sites. Dennis suggested that members go out to Hemlock Dr. (which connects to Tower Hill trails) and evaluate the work that needs to be done. Chair Susan, Betsy and Dennis will meet at 1 p.m. on Sunday, May 20th for a trail walk.

Old Business:

1. Land Trust Reports: This Sunday, May 20th from 9-11 a.m. there will be a walk in the Deerfield Town Forest with Chair Susan and her Botany students.

Vice-chair Judi took about 17 school children to the pond to observe and catch crabs and other wildlife. Her goal is to groom them for the future conservation efforts.

2. Water Resources Protection: Dick passed out a News Release from Barbara McMillan from DES regarding how the EPA (MS4) has announced some improvements to keep NH waters clean and protected. Candia will be on the list because the town has multiple watersheds. The towns on the list will be required to file Notice of Intent for the permits of the MS4's. Dick also reported that PTPP (Pollution Traction Protection Program) will oversee these permits possibly with DES. Currently Candia is not on the list, but Dick feels very shortly it will.

3. Forest Management: Dennis is working on a project with Charlie Moreno and hopes to have the forest management plan for the Hemlock Drive Town Forest for the next meeting.

Dennis cut a piece of granite into two (2) posts for Hemlock Dr. Chair Susan, Dennis and Betsy will site an area on their walk this Sunday. Dennis will install on Memorial Day and then the gates can be installed.

Other Business:

1. Betsy provided copies of the note cards given to the Fowlers and the Hawes family.

2. Donna asked members for volunteer hours for Old Home Day, which is Aug. 18th. Members discussed having a "kid" friendly activity.

3. Dick reported that the opponents of the "pipeline" project came and gave an informational presentation to the BOS and the Planning Board. Dick will get a copy of the presentation for the members to review.

4. Dennis reported that the 2 big culverts on North Rd. need to be replaced. He is working with Stantec on a design.

5. Mark also informed the CCC that this was his last meeting and he would be resigning. He and Dr. Trube have been selected as Trustees of Pinkerton and part of that process is that he hold no "official" positions on Town boards. Members of the CCC wished Mark continued success and thanked him for his service.

Vice-chair Judi motioned to adjourn at 8:35 p.m., Betsy seconded, no further discussion, motion passed unanimously.

Minutes submitted by Administrative Assistant Donna Del Rosso

