



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

Oct. 16th, 2018 Approved

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

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

Guest: Clark Cayer came to inform the CCC of his week at Barry Conservation Camp. Clark thanked the Commission for selecting him to go to camp. He presented a very nice slide show of his adventures, his favorite activity was archery. The commission asked him to submit his slideshow photos to the Conservation website. Chair Susan will contact Barry Conservation for a picture of Clark at camp for the 2019 calendar. Information for next year's camp will soon be available on the CCC website; applications will be due mid Jan 2019.

Public: Becky Hopkins – Property questions/concerns (see below).

Regular Business:

1. Minutes of previous meeting will be discussed at the Nov. meeting, they needed to be restored, and Donna apologized for any inconvenience.
2. Wetland Permit Applications – Nothing new came in.
-Chair Susan sent some concerns to the Planning Board and DES regarding the wetland permit application for an 88 acre parcel off Patten Hill Rd. The Planning Board reviewed and will suggest a “standard” application.
3. Land Report/Wetland/Enforcement Issues: Dennis reported he went on a site walk on 25 acre parcel off the 44 acre parcel (Brown Rd). The letter that the CCC sent to Planning Board a few years ago was still on file, now the subdivision is listed differently. The driveway(s) may not cross over the wetlands now. Dennis will find out tomorrow night at the Planning Board if this is the “final” plan. Dick suggested maybe to have the lot restricted with no further development.

-Dennis reported the New Boston Rd. and North Rd. erosion is still a concern, the land has not yet been established with grass and now we are getting into weather that will not assist with the growth of ground cover, so it will remain dirt and might create more erosion problems during the winter/spring. One of the lots has been sold but only the lumber is on the property. DES had given the builder to Oct. 1st to correct and the abutters are not very happy with the progress of the repairs. The Cease and Desist was lifted and no "bond" was required. DES is allowing Road Agent Dennis to put in 2 (temporary) culverts w/out a wetland permit on North Rd. Dennis will try to get a grant for adequate funding.

4. Correspondence: Ellie received a Thank-you note from Clark Cayer and Barry Conservation Camp.

-We received an invoice for \$300 for the NH Association of Conservation Commissions; Betsy motioned to pay \$300 for 2019 dues, Ellie seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

-NHACC annual conference, Nov. 3rd, Dick may attend.

-Lamprey River Watershed Association, September issue of their newsletter.

-Letter from DES (follow-up report) regarding 388 Chester Rd. they conducted an inspection and everything was satisfactory, Dennis reported that this parcel is approx. 1 acre (pre-existing lot) on the corner of Chester and Crowley Roads, further work was approved.

-RCCD forwarded a monitoring report on the Sanborn's property and everything was in order.

-Bear-Paw forwarded monitoring reports on Clay Pond and Deerfield Rd. Town Forest everything was in order as well.

Dick reported that RACD will hold its Quarterly meeting in Raymond and the guest speaker will be the Executive Director of Charles River Association, he will forward the information in case anyone is interested in attending.

Public - Becky Hopkins was present to see if the CCC had any conversation regarding her property. Becky is interested in putting her land in a conservation easement. The CCC suggested that Becky find a land trust to help her with the process. Becky has been in touch with a few but currently there is no funding available. The CCC gave Becky names of a few other land trusts that might be interest in assisting her. Becky wanted to know if the CCC would be willing to write a letter of support. Chair Susan indicated that the CCC may not have the funds available to assist, but might be able to help with transaction costs. Betsy and Chair Susan will work on drafting a letter in support of Becky's efforts to put her land in a conservation easement.

Becky also wanted to know why this particular pond was not listed on the natural resources inventory list. Chair Susan indicated that it's listed as a wetland, and she explained that when there is a beaver impounded wetland area that the water level fluctuates due to the progress of the beavers and does not stay at a "steady" level therefore it's not listed as a pond. CCC pulled the maps (done by GSC) and explained the markings of how areas were labeled based on soil, H₂O levels etc. A wetland study may cost upwards of \$10K. Becky is doing a soft monitoring

(taking pictures) of “endangered” species such as: plants, birds, and animals. There is also a forest management plan on her property as well (from the previous owner-Knowles).

Becky thanked the CCC for their time and education on the process of conservation easements.

The CCC thanked Becky for bringing her interests and efforts to the meeting and hoped her concerns were answered to the best of the CCC’s ability.

5. Budget Update/Approval of outstanding payments: Betsy motioned to pay \$200 SEWA for 2020 dues, Ellie seconded. Motion passed. Dick abstained.

-Dennis submitted the corrected invoice \$2K for the Forest Mgmt. Plans, by Charlie Moreno, CCC members approved this at Sept. 18th’s meeting.

-Ellie reported current balance of CCC is \$1,958.86 and CC Fund is \$278.959.

Old Business:

1. Water Resources: Dick gave members a map of Donovan Rd. that parcels were under the control (temporarily) of the CCC from a warrant article in 2014. He would like to have these parcels transferred to CCC permanently. There is currently one parcel that was never included (Rapaglia piece-tax deeded), this needs to be surveyed. The CCC feels at this time until the parcel in question is included in the tax map they will hold off adding any new parcels to a warrant article requesting permanent custody of Donovan Rd. parcels.

2. Chair Susan received a suggestion from Catherine S. to have the CCC website be “mobile” friendly, which would allow pictures to be submitted from phones as well as computers. CCC members were all in favor. Chair Susan will check with Catherine to see if there would be an additional cost.

Other Business:

1. Newsletter: Betsy presented the members with a “draft” for the members to review. Betsy will work on this year’s camp winner. Vice-chair Judi has a picture from the Sherry’s climate change presentation. Connor Osborne’s kiosk project at Flint Rd forest – Chair Susan will investigate. Dennis will have Hannah look at the zip drive to see if there is a good picture of the CCC table at Old Home Day we could use for the Newsletter. Chair Susan will draft a letter from the chair highlighting this year’s projects and achievements.

2. Betsy reported the bridge from the New Boston Rd. Conservation area is gone. Dennis said it went down stream and even broke the stringers that it was attached to during one of last winter’s storms.

Betsy motioned to adjourn at 8:46 p. m. Dennis seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Next meeting: Nov. 20th, 7 p.m. @ Town Hall Meeting Room.

Respectfully submitted by Donna Del Rosso, Administrative Assistant.