

## **Town of Candia** Conservation Commission 74 High Street Candia, New Hampshire 03034 (603) 483-8101

# March 18, 2025 Meeting Minutes- Unapproved

Chair Judi called the meeting to order at 7:00pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. **Present:** Judi Lindsey Chair, Leon Austin VC, Tom Di Maggio, Carol Howe, Ron Laverdure, Ryan Young, Dick Snow, sitting alternate, Admin. Assist. Janet Lewis **Absent:** None **Guests:** Remy Alff

**Public Comment Period:** Remy came as a requirement to attend a public meeting for the communications merit badge for Boy Scouts

#### **Regular Business:**

- 1. Minutes of Previous meeting –Dick made a motion to accept the minutes of the January meeting. Tom seconded. Judi abstained. All in agreement. Motion passed.
- 2. Wetland Permit Applications no applications
- Land Use/Wetlands/Enforcement Issues Informational letter from DES about no wetland permit being obtained for work being done on High Street. The owner is continuing to do work on this property despite being told to stop. The State will be monitoring this issue. There is also a letter from DES of compliance for the issue at 260 South Road.
- 4. Correspondence Bear-Paw Regional Greenways Annual meeting at Coe-Brown Academy featuring speaker, Abigail Lyons, is on March 22, 2024.
- 5. Budget Update/ Increase & Approvals Judi told us that Jim Franklin donated money for tuition for a camper to go to Barry Conservation Camp this summer. Judi sent a thank you note to him. Janet has collected the money from Calendar sales at the library and will turn this in for deposit to the scholarship fund. Janet submitted her hours worksheet for Judi to sign off. Ryan is still waiting for Charli Moreno to respond to inquiry regarding his annual monitoring fee for forest management.

Dick will forward his invoice to Ryan for the sign that he purchased for use at voting. It is for \$40.00 reimbursement and will come out of the operating budget.

6. Conservation Easements/Water Resources –A request for proposals (RFP) for surveys to be done on the Chester Turnpike property (Amy Spencer's) and the Dennis Lewis Town Forest on New Boston Road is necessary for these to be put in conservation easements. Dick is working on this. The map and lot numbers are vague on some of the lots and this will need to be remedied.

7. Forest Management – We are waiting for Jeff Wuebbolt to give us the estimate for the parking lot area.

#### **Old Business:**

- 1. GIS mapping Inactive for now
- 2. Fund Grant applications Nothing new to report.
- 3. Calendar Update Money was collected from the Smyth Library for calendar sales. This was \$123.00 that will be deposited in the Scholarship Fund for Barry Conservation Camp.

#### New Business:

- 1. Officers for the year were voted on. Present officers: the Chair, Vice-chair, and Treasurer were nominated by Dick and seconded by Judi. Dick nominated Janet for Admin. Assist. Leon seconded. All votes passed unanimously. All the officers remain the same as last year. Janet will be taking over the Zoom part of the meetings.
- 2. Voting on the two warrant articles that the commission submitted passed at the polls on voting day. (3/11/2024)

### **Other Business:**

- 1. Barry Camp update –Two campers will be going this summer. Judi has the certificates to award to the campers.
- 2. Scheduled hikes/trail work Ron suggested working on trails on the Flint Rd. property to lay out a more encompassing trails network and what it will take to make the trails useable. A date will be set for a walk to see what can be done.
- 3. Water Resources- Dick has information about the rivers management plan and how the Lamprey River became a part of the protected waterways that lead to the Great Bay Estuary. Southeast Watershed Alliance is a watch dog for the river's protection.

Tom made a motion to adjourn. Carol seconded. All in favor. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.

Respectfully submitted, Janet Lewis