

Town of Candia

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

October 21, 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, Gary Bashline, Alt, Janet Lewis, Admin. Assist.

Absent: Ryan Young, Ron Lavedure, Dick Snow

Welcome to Gary Bashline: New alternate member, sitting in for Ron Lavedure **Guests**: Alex Gomez, Microbiology PH candidate, Theodore Trube, Eagle Scout project, Catherine Sangillo, Webmaster

Alex came to our meeting to present her report on forest studies of nitrogen fixation. Certain microbe bacteria in the soil interact with certain plants that will use this to produce nitrogen. The nitrogen is then useable by plants that need nitrogen to survive in locations where other plants cannot. A very interesting and informative presentation that has information useful for bio-restoration projects. Candia is one of the collection sites for conducting this study. Speckled Alder is the one plant in particular that is being studied.

Theodore Trube spoke to us about an Eagle Scout project. He would like to do a maintenance project on conservation land. Leon suggested the Deerfield Road conservation area for water maintenance work to improve the trails on a year-round basis. Gary mentioned the trail markers need to be redone. Theodore would need to investigate the scope of the work initially. Judi has photos of a type of marker to use that is tree and user friendly.

Catherine is going to be leaving the webmaster job and wanted to let us know. The town is going to be getting a new system; the commission will no longer be on the town website. We will need an administrator to maintain the website. We will wait and see what the town is doing.

Regular Business:

- 1. Minutes of Previous meeting –Tom made a motion to accept the minutes of the September meeting. Carol seconded. All in agreement. Motion passed.
- 2. Wetland Permit Applications –none
- 3. Land use/Wetlands/enforcement Issues-Discussion about Kinnecum Pond that a dock is located there. Access is questionable. It is private land around it. The plans for development on High St. should be looked at and commented on by Nov. 17 to the planning board.
- 4. Correspondence Notice from NHCCA conference on Nov.1, 2025. and annual dues for the NHCCA. A letter from Lamprey River Advisory Committee regarding the multi-town transmission lines project. The LRAC gave approval with environmental concerns stated for monitoring.
- 5. Budget Update/ Increase & Approvals- Reimbursement to the NHCCA Conference in the amount of \$60. for Judi., Annual dues for membership in the NHCCA invoice for \$250. for 2026., Alpha Graphics- Invoice for calendar printing is \$208. Janet will forward these to Ryan to submit for payment. The printing is to come out of the camp scholarship fund. Discussion about the future budget and needing to allow for possible added cost for the website and administrator.
- 6. Conservation Easements/Water Resources –(Dick sent an email) Chester Turnpike -we are waiting for results from Promised Land Survey. The D. Lewis forest -there is ongoing discussion about cost savings.
- 7. Forest Management nothing to report

Old Business:

- 1. GIS mapping Inactive for now. GIS (Geographic Information System)
- 2. Fund Grant applications nothing to report.
- 3. Calendars Update –50 calendars were printed. Cost of printing: \$208., sell all at \$10. each is \$500. (some will be given to the photographers, at most 12 max.) Potential net gain \$172. (selling all 35 left) Judi spoke about connecting with the school art teacher and having students submit nature art work for calendar use.

Other Business:

- 1. Barry Camp update- Judi will be receiving the dates for student enrollment in the spring.
- 2. Fire at Coparts- The amount of water required to handle this fire is concerning in regards to the amount of leaching through the soil of toxic burned debris. Especially since this is located on a hillside that drains towards the North Branch of the Lamprey River. Leon suggested the Commission send a letter to DES to have them aware of this possible situation.

Tom made a motion to adjourn. Leon seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Lewis Admin. Assist.