



Town of Candia

Conservation Commission
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December 19, 2023 Meeting Minutes - Approved

Chair Judi called the meeting to order at 7pm., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Chair Judi Lindsey, VC Leon Austin, Tom DiMaggio, Ryan Young, Dick Snow Alt., Ron Laverdure Alt., seated for April Holmes, Admin. Assist. Janet Lewis.

Absent: Carol Howe, April Holmes

Guests: Leela Michael with her mother and sister. Leela told us about her experience at last summer's Barry Conservation Camp. The food was good homecooked type, they went to visit a closed lead mine and on a canoe trip, learned new fun activities and games. Camp fire building was one of her favorite activities. She had a lot of fun and made many new friends.

Regular Business:

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting –Dick made a motion to accept the November 21, 2023 minutes. Tom seconded. All were in favor, motion passed.

2. Wetland Permit Applications: None

3. Land Use/Wetland/Enforcement Issues –An informational hearing regarding fuel storage tanks had been before the planning board. Conservation Commission members have concerns about it being a high-density area, leakage, what sort of containment would be required -possibly a state issue with requirements, and a concern about fire protection.

4. Correspondence – None

5. Budget Update/Approval of outstanding payments-Charlie Moreno has not responded concerning the invoice for next year to pay him and use the leftover funds. There needs to be an invoice first to be able to encumber any funds.

Discussion about what the Forest Management funds can be used for and how it is different from the regular operating budget.

6. Water Resources/Conservation Easements -The Dennis Lewis Town Forest -Selectmen approved the warrant article to be included on the warrant. Two citizens petition warrant articles are needed to be drawn up and given to the selectmen by January 9th, 2024. Twenty-five signatures are needed. These would be for conservation easements on town-owned properties. It would not cost the town any money. One would be for a conservation easement on the Kinnicum Pond town-owned land. The second is for a piece of land on Crowley Road that was donated to the town and accepted by the selectmen which could have an easement put on it. This would give the CC management and control of this parcel as well.

7. Forest Management- Discussion about the warrant articles, see #6 above that would give the CC the options for managing the forests on these areas.

Old Business:

GIS Demonstration - go on website to find what is there any time.

Fund Grant application – nothing new

New Business:

Calendar Update- The calendars are \$10.00 - available at the Smyth Library and the Town Clerk's office.

Other Business:

Barry Camp update- The information went out to students for applications to be submitted.

Scheduled hikes/trail work – An evening talk by Judi Lindsey will be on January 30th at 6:30 pm in the library, about the town forest trails – where they are located, distances for trails, markers and other information will be presented.

Town report is due- Judi is going to put it together and give a recap of activities that the CC has done.

Motion to adjourn by Dick. Seconded by Tom. Vote taken – all in affirmative.

Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:01pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Lewis