



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

Candia Conservation Commission March 18, 2014 Minutes (Unapproved)

Attendees:

Betsy Kruse, Judi Lindsey, Ellie Davison, Dennis Lewis, Dave Ickes, Susan Wilderman Dick Snow (Alt.)

Guest: Diane Philbrick, Matt Coughlan, Donna Del Rosso, Eileen Dupere, and Nordica Dupere

Meeting called to order at 7:01 pm by Chair Betsy Kruse following the Pledge of Allegiance. Dick Snow was seated as a voting member.

Public Comment Period

Scenic By-ways

Diane Philbrick (Chair of Candia Heritage Commission) provided the commission with an update regarding the Upper Lamprey River Scenic By-way project which began in January of 2012. The proposed by-way goes through Candia, Deerfield, Northwood and back down through Candia to Rt. 101. A scenic by-ways is recognized by the State and made available to people who may want to visit the area. One of the benefits of being part of the by-way is potentially increased tourism and economic development.

Diane shared a concern that Candia has a minimum number of economic value regarding this project and Deerfield feels similarly. The question is whether the town still wants to be part of this project. Without Candia and other two towns are in a way left stranded regarding access. Dick Snow shared he feels Candia does have things to offer and we should continue to pursue being part of the by-way

For this to work, someone must represent Candia and keep track of the legalities regarding the by-way. It would be straight forward, but it will require a dedicated person. The thought is that the Board of Selectmen would need to appoint a person for this position. It was suggested that Diane share with the

Board of Selectmen about where this project is now and the need for a volunteer to fulfill the duties of representative for this project.

Currently the State has approved the nomination of this document and it has had a public hearing. If it is designated it will occur in May of 2014 by the Department Of Transportation. The next meeting is Tuesday March 25th at 6:30 at the George B. White Building in Deerfield.

Motion made by Judi Lindsey: that we continue to provide support for the Scenic by-way project

Seconded by Dennis Lewis

No further discussion

Past unanimously

Guest:

Dick Snow introduced Eileen who is interested in becoming involved with the Conservation Commission.

Conservation Area on New Boston Road Regarding Bridge- Matt Coughlan – SCA

The SCA current summer schedule is full but they are willing to start working with us to make a plan for making a better bridge for the New Boston Road Town forest. Currently the span is about 40 feet. There are some hemlock trees on the property that could be utilized however, in terms of longevity that would only be about 5-10 year fix. They are suggesting the use of I-beams with a decking that over the years could be replaced. Maybe the bridge would include a post or cribbing which would allow a natural material bridge. This would require DES approval/permits.

Shawn James is willing to work with us on the plans in conjunction with the SCA. SCA would be willing to work with James if he does want to help out.

Funding/building

The crew request form provides SCA with the information they need to determine how the project fits within their scope. It is non-binding agreement. They can help provide content and support for writing a grant for the Recreational Trail Program (RTP) grants. They cap is approximately \$15,000. If the project was done in the spring (1/2 Hitch - 10 days) the 15,000 grant should be able to cover the cost of the workers and supplies for the bridge. Cost of the bridge is also, related to the design of the bridge.

If they did the project they would prefer to stay right on sight during the construction. However, they could commute from Bear Brook.

Dennis brought up the fluxuation of flow there, especially with large storm events every 5-8 years. Discussion ensued about the need for it to be secured for such events.

We would need to go and share the idea with the Selectmen seeing that if we are awarded the Selectmen would need to accept the funds.

Dennis will work as a liaison with SCA on this potential project.

Motion by Dick Snow: To move forward with looking into funding for a bridge project with SCA.

Seconded: Judi Lindsey

No further discussion

Motion past unanimously

Application for the Secretary Position

Donna Del Rosso – Discussion was about her interest in providing secretary help. She has past experience with note taking.

Motion by Dick Snow: That the commission hire Donna Del Rosso as our clerical person at 12.75/hour not to exceed the budgeted amount.

Seconded: Judi Lindsey

No further discussion

Motion past unanimously

Regular Business

1. Review Minutes

November 2013 meeting:

In section 2: we voted to use text from the reimbursement section of the SELTNH document (with the change of “or” for “and”) to replace that section of our document, making our future documents read:

“Should (the landowner) choose, after reviewing the results and discussing them fully with the CCC and/or their agents, not to grant a conservation easement on the subject property or to sell it without such an easement, (s/he) agrees to reimburse the CCC for the actual costs associated with said appraisal, up to, but not exceeding, the amount of \$ (appraisal cost), payment to be made within one year of the date of termination of the project.”

Motion made by Dick Snow: To accept the November 2013minutes as amended

Seconded: Judi Lindsey

No further discussion

Motion past unanimously

Minutes from Jan. 21, 2014 meeting

Revision: Page 2 #3 under regular business: Socha

Old Business Forest Management plans – Revise to state “sawhorse with target”

Motion made by Dick Snow: To accept the January 2014 minutes as amended

Seconded: Ellie Davison

No further discussion

Motion past unanimously

2. Easement(s) Acquisition Status (Snow)

We do not have an updated cost from Dan Kern

Dick mentioned there is an ARM grant coming out for the Lamprey river that we may be able to apply for a grant worth approximately ½ the value of the project.

3. Wetlands Permit Applications (Davison)

Public Service there is going to be a \$64,000 mitigation payment to Bear paw for 105 Acre project in Hooksett – it was approved January 30th.

4. Land Use/Wetlands/Enforcement Issues/Planning Board (Lindsey)

Judi Lindsey: Last meeting Kevin Dumont is going to be put in 2 drive-in screens down at Liquid Planet.

Scott Kamisarick on Wednesday March 19th will be bringing his plan for a farmers market on the triangle across from CYAA and Rt 43. It would include a building.

Dick brought up that municipalities are required to notify the Lamprey River Advisory Committee about any project within a ½ mile radius of the river. He is going to verify that the statute requires us to do so.

5. Correspondence (Davidson)

Thank- you from Bear Paw for our \$100 dues

April 5th Saving Special Places – Dick is planning on attending. Forms are due by March 28th.

Lamprey River Advisory Committee has invited us to apply for a \$5000 grant for activities that would help improve people's understandings of river issues. Applications are due in Mid April.

6. Budget Update/Approval of outstanding payments/invoices (Snow)

No invoices or updates.

7. Conservation Commission Website (Ickes)

Dave is still waiting for the following documents to forward along for the website:

- Forest Management plans: Dennis is going to ask if Charlie can provide us with a digital copy
- Open Space plan
- 2014 Newsletter

8. Lamprey River Water Quality Initiatives (Snow)

No further discussion

Old Business

1. Land Trust Report (Kruse)

The Bear Paw Biathlon is coming up in June and details will be announced in their spring newsletter.

2. Forest Management / Plans for Town Land /Stewardship (Lewis)

Nothing new to Report

Dennis is planning to get the sign posts and install them at the town forest sites.

3. SCA project (Lewis)

Since it was decided that Dennis is going to be Liaison with SCA for future agenda's he should become the contact.

Other Business

1. Barry Conservation Camp – Levesque Scholarship –

The cost is approximately \$500 for the week.

Things to consider as we look forward to having a student go next year:

- We would need to come up with a way for choosing a participant.
- Dick is going to work on a write-up regarding the Scholarship.
- Eileen is going to touch base with the family about the idea.

2. Fall walk to Kinnicum – Dennis is going to ask Dick Weeks if he would be willing to lead the walk

3. Update Current Membership list:

Current members who need to write up their interest for continuing on the commission include: Dennis Lewis, Dave Ickes, Mimi Alberu, Susan Wilderman, and Bill Nichols.

Please bring in your letters of interest to the April Meeting for submission to the Board of Selectmen.

Motion made by Betsy to adjourn the meeting

Seconded: Judi Lindsey

No further discussion

Motion past unanimously

Meeting adjourned 8:35

Minutes Submitted by Susan Wilderman