



Town of Candia
Conservation Commission
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Candia Conservation Commission August 19th, 2014 Minutes Approved

Attendees:

Chair Betsy Kruse, Vice-chair Judi Lindsey, Ellie Davidson, Dick Snow (Alt.), Donna Del Rosso recording secretary

Meeting called to order at 7:02 pm by Chair Betsy Kruse, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Dick Snow was seated as a voting member.

Public Comment Period:

Regular Business:

1. **Minutes of previous meeting:** Suggestions were given to Donna to revise. Judi Lindsey motioned to accept minutes as revised. Seconded by Ellie Davidson. Motion passed unanimously.
2. **Hoffman Project:** Dick had nothing new to report.
3. **Wetland Permit Applications:** Stantec filed an application in July for a permit which would allow the BOS to hire Stantec to cap existing land fill and secure final closure. Dick will review application plans to make sure there is no involvement regarding the CCC. The plan is to create a 2nd capped ash land over existing capped landfill. Process includes spreading berm ash, covering with dirt and creating vents for gas release. DES is creating a second Solid Waste Ash Landfill over the first to complete final closure with available funding from the town. The facility will finally close once this project is complete. Should CCC continue to test the 5 abutters' wells to make sure they are not being compromised? LRAC (Lamprey River Advisory Committee) may also get a copy to see what they might suggest for the CCC to do. Betsy will contact Stantec. Dick will check with LRAC.

4. Land Use/Wetlands/Enforcement Issues/Planning Board: Judi reported at last Planning Board meeting the paintball business came in to report their progress. Stantec is keeping a watch to make sure they stay compliant. Next Planning Board meeting 8/20 has scenic tree cutting on Depot Rd on agenda.

5. Correspondence: Ellie reported Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission is having their annual meeting at the Puritan in Manchester on Friday, Sept. 12th at 7 p.m. Guests need to RSVP by Aug. 29th. We also received their monthly newsletter.

Betsy reported Ernest Dankwah's internship is over, however the Nature Conservancy is still updating their maps. They need to know whether the CCC is sure all properties on map are current or do we need to add more? We need to check codes with properties listed on the map for example: conservation easements, fee-owned, etc. Book and page on a deed would give us the easement on a particular property. Betsy believes all property owned by town or are in easements are currently listed on the map. Betsy will give Dick new contact info since Ernest is done with his project.

6. Budget Update/Approval of outstanding payments/invoices:

Donna submitted an invoice for the month of July in the amount of \$75.42

Judi motioned to pay the amount of \$75.42 to Donna. Seconded by Ellie. Passed unanimously

Budget: Betsy will be unavailable Sept. 20th for the Budget Committee Meeting, she will ask Dennis to submit and answer any questions. Budget will remain the same as last year.

CCC decided to order 20 aluminum caution signs for the crossing road sign project. Location will be determined with town maps after signs are complete.

Dick motioned to have Donna order 20 caution signs. Seconded by Ellie. Passed unanimously.

Dick reported the SWA and LRAC is having a Septic 101 class to educate residents. This will include what is a septic system, how can you make it last forever, what it does and how it works. The information provided will help people who move here and never had a septic system understand how to take care of them. The CCC might want to have a septic professional come and educate residents.

7. Conservation Commission Website: Judi had nothing new to report.

8. Lamprey River Water Quality Initiatives: Dick received a request from Commissioner Susan Wilderman, who is a teacher at Jesse Remington, regarding a project. Susan would like to have her students monitor the water and invertebrates in the stream going thru Fogarty Rd. and down to the mill. She wanted to know if LRAC, SWA or LRWA has any projects going, she's looking at a course she can develop and continue at Jesse Remington. Susan would also like to do a research paper on her findings if she continues her education. Dick has given the information to Volunteer River Assessment Program, which monitors the water near the old recycle center, to give Susan access to equipment she and her students could use during the winter. VRAP was asked to contact Susan and vice versa. Dick

will also forward her project information to Water Quality working group within LRAC, which has a number of associate professors that might be able to assist Susan.

Dick reported the Annual meeting of the LRWA will be held on Sat. Oct. 18th.

Dick stated the LRWA and LRAC are working together on an exercise to get woody material out of river between Rte 125 and the other side of Lee. Dick suggested to LRAC that they have a public forum to educate the public as to what is going on. Questions arising from this process include: do you, don't you, how do you do it, when do you do it, etc.

Old Business:

1. Land Trust Report: Betsy reported Bear Paw is hosting a casting on the Suncook River. Lisa Clark (resident) teaches people how to make animal casts in mud. Class will be Sept. 13th 2-4 p.m. the cost is free, but people need to register to ensure enough supplies will be on hand.

Betsy also reported that South East Land Trust and Strafford Rivers Conservancy were merging and together they will cover a great amount of land.

2. Forest Management / Plans for Town Land /Stewardship: Betsy would like the logs/telephone poles moved to the sides of the trails. Dick will talk to Dennis.

Regarding the targets on New Boston Rd. town land, Dick and Jim Lindsey were to determine boundary lines. The targets are very close to the boundary lines. Betsy will try to find a solution.

Dick reported at the July 28th BOS meeting he received permission from a majority of the board to see if he could get some of the 2.2 million from DES for protecting town property by putting conservation easements on town land. 30% of the 2.2 mil is targeted for Massabesic Watershed, under the jurisdiction of the Manchester Waterworks. The original plan was to get conservation easements on all town owned properties that exist within Massabesic Watershed. In addition, we also have the two properties across from Kinnicum that might be available. Any leftover funds would be used for purchasing additional properties or finding other residents within the Massabesic watershed that may be interested in doing a conservation easement either as a donation or a bargain sale.

Dick will submit a pre-application by Oct. 1st. There will be significant amounts of publication regarding conservation easements. The CCC might consider getting Phil Auger to hold a public forum regarding conservation easements. Dick would like to get in touch with Bear Paw and SELTNH to let them know he is in the process of trying to establish conservation easements in Candia and would like to work together with them. This will get all of Candia's properties properly surveyed and totally protected with a conservation easement at no cost to the town. We may be able to pick up some additional properties. The CCC will become involved when the BOS does 41:14A, which will go to the Planning Board and CCC for comments. The CCC and BOS should discuss which properties

should be addressed and selected. Dick will create a list based on Ernest Dankwah's map and present to CCC and BOS. Should CCC include book & page with map & lot for future map definition?

3. SCA project: Betsy spoke to Dennis last night, Dennis is going to ask Sean James to come to the next meeting to discuss options for the bridge over the river in the New Boston Rd. Conservation Area.

Other Business:

1. Barry Conservation Camp: Dennis is working on Barry Camp - information not available.

2. Fall walk to Kinnicum: Dennis will check with Dick Weeks – information to follow.

3. Wildlife crossing signs: under budget report.

4. Mission Statement, By-Laws:

Dick said no by-laws have been found, but he will work on mission statement.

Donna passed out guidelines from a booklet of N.H. Assoc. of Conservation Commission for by-laws and/or mission statement procedures. Judi suggested they read them and at the next meeting bring comments and or suggestions. By-laws should be specific to each group/committee which should include function and objective. Dick will work on mission statement & by-laws for the CCC.

Ellie is updating the membership list and will distribute next meeting.

Dick has permission from the Univ. of N.H. Alumni to reprint the article regarding Great Bay. He would also like to have it available for the public.

Dick is thinking of having a booth at the Deerfield Fair with information about the CCC available.

Dick would like to get the Humanities Council to put the author of Big Trees on the list for a library public session. Then we could invite the public to see big trees around Candia.

No other business addressed

Motion made by Ellie to adjourn the meeting 8:45 p.m. Seconded by Judi. No further discussion

Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes recorded by Donna Del Rosso