



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

Candia Conservation Commission Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>, 2014 Minutes Approved

**Attendees:**

Chair Betsy Kruse, Vice-chair Judi Lindsey, Ellie Davidson, Dick Snow (Alt.), Mimi Alberu (Alt.), Susan Wilderman, Dennis Lewis, Donna Del Rosso recording secretary

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Chair Betsy Kruse followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Dick Snow & Mimi Alberu were seated as a voting members.

**Guest:** Sean James was unavailable for the meeting.

**Regular Business:**

**Public Comment Period:**

**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.

Dennis Lewis and Susan Wilderman abstained.

**2. Wetland Permit Applications:**

Ellie had no new permit applications at this time.

Betsy spoke with Doug Kemp about Stantec regarding the new closure plan, Doug sent a letter to the town, which the CCC has not yet received a copy of the letter suggests some minor revisions. DES will come at the beginning, middle and end of project to review the work. Doug suggested that the town is responsible for monitoring the wells once or twice a year. The groundwater management permit is a five year and we need to reapply for it every five years. Doug suggested the CCC monitor the person or company that will monitor the wells to ensure they are being tested properly. The Sarra property will also be tested per the BOS. Dick wants to make sure the testing needs to be done for an adequate amount of time. The CCC needs to know what to test for i.e. Arsenic, metals, etc. The town

is considering lowering the budget for Stantec to monitor the site, so the CCC needs to make sure it is being done properly. The CCC needs to make sure the river is not compromised.

**3. Conservation Land/Easement(s)/Acquisition Status:**

Dick reported nothing new with Ken Hoffman's property.

Dick is working with the Manchester Water Shed for the pre-proposal for putting conservation easements on town properties and purchasing more. The pre-proposal is going to DES and would not cost the town any funds. The BOS has given Dick permission to proceed.

**4. Correspondence:**

Ellie did not receive any new correspondence.

Betsy passed out information for the NH Conservation Commission. They are focusing on encouraging younger conservationists. The pamphlet did not include the agenda. Dick and Mimi and others discussed going. Information will be e-mailed around once the agenda and cost are determined.

Ellie passed out an updated CCC member list. Discussion was made to have 7 regular members, Mimi said yes and will be taken off as an alternative. We need to find out if Mark Pepper is still interested.

Dick motioned to have the BOS have Mimi become a full time member to replace Dave Ickes.

Judi seconded.

No other discussion.

Motion passed unanimously.

Betsy will submit to the BOS to have Mimi become a full member.

**5. Budget Update/Approval of outstanding payments/invoices:**

Donna submitted an invoice for the month of August in the amount of \$91.13.

Judi motioned to pay the amount of \$91.13 to Donna.

Seconded by Mimi.

Passed unanimously.

Budget \$1500 left per Dick Snow after \$391 for the metal signs.

Dennis will submit the new budget for the CCC, to the Budget Committee on Saturday, Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

The suggestion was made to create a new account for Barry Conservation Camp.

The CCC may have a piece of property on Thresher that may be available for a conservation easement.

**6. Conservation Commission Website:**

Judi reported nothing had changed on the website, and has not heard anything back from Jim DiMaggio. Discussion was made to see if Catherine Sangillo would be interested in doing the CCC website, Dick will contact Catherine.

**7. Land Use/Wetlands/Enforcement Issues/Planning Board:**

Judi had nothing new to report. The paintball business is not going to continue with the other wetland permits for now.

**8. Lamprey River Water Quality Initiatives:**

Dick reported the annual meeting for the Lamprey River Watershed Association will be held on Sat. Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>, the CCC should be getting an invitation. It will be held at the Lee Range.

Dick also spoke about taking woody materials from rivers, is it good or bad for the aquatic life.

## **Old Business:**

### **1. Land Trust Report:**

Nothing new to report.

### **2. Forest Management/Plans for Town Land /Stewardship/Sign Posts**

Dennis has removed the logs at the entrance of the Conservation area.

Dennis will contact Mark Pepper for the sign posts.

Dennis reported Charlie Moreno is still working on Hemlock Drive forest management.

Dennis will remove a log on Flint Rd. so Dick can cut some logs.

Donna will scan the Forest Management Plans from Charlie Moreno.

Betsy reported the saw horses will be removed by the owner.

Dennis reported ATV activity on town property on Flint Rd. They have made at least 2 well used trails, suggestion was made to inform the Police Dept. to inform them that they are trespassing on private property.

### **3. SCA Project New Boston Rd.**

The CCC needs to decide what to do with the bridge. Discussion regarding size, length etc.

How does the CCC want the property to be used? Dennis suggested to better anchor down pressure treated lumber to ensure it lasts. Do we want to make it handicapped accessible? The cost and pitch would not work. Decision was to have a fun volunteer day to make another bridge and anchor down.

Dennis will research cost for wood and anchor materials for a foot bridge.

Betsy will contact SCA and let them know we are not interested. If additional money is available from the budget some materials may be purchased and do the project next year with funds from 2015 budget. Discussion regarding the width was 48" which includes rails.

## **Other Business**

### **1. Fall walk to Kinnicum:**

Dennis will contact Dick Weeks for a date. Dennis will let Betsy know for the newsletter and the website.

### **2. Barry Conservation Camp:**

Dennis reported cost is \$485, there is currently no cut-off date on the website. How will the CCC select someone? Should they write an essay why they are interested in conservation, have they done any community service as far as conservation is concerned? Ages includes 8 to 16. Application should include: name, age, address, specific interest of nature, answer any questions the CCC may ask, which week they would be interested in, any conservation or nature volunteer work. Susan Wilderman will draft an application for the next meeting. The funds will be discussed at a later date.

Discussion for a CCC calendar was suggested to help fund the scholarship. The CCC members will gather pictures of Candia and we will select 12 to be used for the calendar. Dennis will check the cost. Members will e-mail Donna pictures to be put on a cd.

### **3. Wildlife crossing signs:**

Donna ordered and received 20 metal Caution signs.

Susan will create stencils from card stock: turtle, frogs, etc.

Susan & Donna will co-ordinate.

### **4. Mission Statement, By-Laws:**

Donna gave to Dick some of the town's mission statement and/or by-laws.

Dick will work on this project.

**5. Newsletter:**

Betsy is willing to work on a newsletter for the 2015 Boy Scout packet. What would the CCC like for topics? Information could include the calendar, bridge, Barry Conservation Camp, signs, walk to Kinnicum. How can we attract new members with volunteering opportunities, give them a list of projects that we are doing.

**6. October meeting:**

Betsy passed out information about Kevin Gardner and the Hooksett Conservation Commission. Betsy made a suggestion to not meet on Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> and go to the meeting in Hooksett on Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> and we could meet for a short meeting on Oct. 28<sup>th</sup>. Betsy feels it would be very beneficial for us to see how other groups operate. The properties that Hooksett will be talking about abut Candia's properties. It would be nice to see what Hooksett plans on doing with these abutting properties.

Dick motioned to have the CCC attend the Hooksett Conservation meeting on Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> and we would meet Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> for an abbreviated meeting. (Donna will check for Town Hall and library.)

Judi seconded.

No further discussion.

Motion passed unanimously. Carpool – meet at library at 4:30p.m. on Oct 21<sup>st</sup>.

No other business addressed

Motion made by Judi to adjourn the meeting.

Seconded by Susan.

No further discussion.

Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned 8:45 p.m.

Minutes Submitted by Donna Del Rosso