



Town of Candia
Conservation Commission
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Candia Conservation Commission Oct. 28th, 2014 Minutes (Approved)

Attendees:

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

Meeting called to order at 7:30 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 Susan Wilderman.

Motion passed unanimously.

2. Wetland Permit Applications:

Ellie received a letter from DES regarding the box culvert on Depot Rd. keeping us informed of the progress being made. Dennis stated that the culvert was being made, taking 3 weeks then he would install it.

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

Dennis reported the new farm stand wants to put in a driveway. The bond was released before the plans were reviewed by the Planning Board. Procedures might need to be reviewed between the Planning Board and the BOS to ensure proper procedures are being followed.

4. Correspondence:

We received information about the NHACC annual meeting on November 1. We also received a survey from them asking for our input to certain questions. The CCC will discuss the NHACC annual meeting at the next CCC meeting. We received an offer from DES about having a private well water testing day. Other towns have already done this and if we would like to we need to call and get more information. Residents will receive a price list with their kit. Ellie will call for more information. We

will discuss options at the next meeting. The CCC received the latest Bear-Paw mailing. We also received 2 updates from David Preese at SNH Planning Commission. We received an invoice from NH Association of Conservation Commissions for \$303 for annual membership dues. Dick thinks it's about \$53 more than last year. Suggestion was made to pay it.

Judi motioned to pay \$303 to NHACC.

Dick seconded.

No other discussion.

Motion passed unanimously.

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

Donna submitted an invoice for the month of September in the amount of \$78.56.

Judi motioned to pay the amount of \$78.56 to Donna.

Seconded by Ellie

No other discussion.

Passed unanimously.

6. Conservation Commission Website:

Judi reported nothing had changed on the website, and has not heard anything back from Jim.

Discussion was made to see if Catherine Sangillo would be interested in doing the CCC website, Dick will contact Catherine. We need to review, update and stay current with the website.

Old Business:

1. Land Trust Report:

Members of the CCC that attended the Hooksett CC meeting were very impressed with the speakers regarding Clay Pond, also enjoyed Kevin Gardner's informative lecture on making stone walls.

Betsy reported Bear-Paw is having a round table on Tues., Dec. 2nd 7-9 p.m. It will discuss the NRI maps that Bear-Paw is updating for member towns. The CCC will receive a set which will include more information such as climate change and updated Wildlife Action Plan data. Betsy asked if anyone would be interested in attending, Ellie might also join Betsy.

New Boston Road Conservation Area Bridge: How does the CCC want the property to be used?

Dennis suggested to better anchor down pressure treated lumber for the bridge 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 has contacted SCA to let them know we are not interested. If additional money is available from the budget some materials may be purchased this year and maybe we can do the project next year with additional funds from 2015 budget. Discussion regarding the width was 48" including rails.

Other Business

1. Fall walk to Kinnicum:

Dick Weeks suggested that we wait till after hunting season. Dennis suggested that we ask Dick if there is no snow if he might do the walk on Dec. 7th, Sunday in the afternoon. Dennis will report his response before next meeting via phone calls to Judi or Betsy.

2. Barry Conservation Camp:

Dick will check the legalities to make sure we stay appropriate. Susan stated the camp website will have the classes being offered in January. Dick stated we can take the money from the CCC's budget per the Attorney General's Office towards a scholarship. The CCC feels that a separate fund should be established for the purpose of the camp scholarship. Betsy will send a memo to the BOS to ask to be put on the next agenda to ask permission for the donation of funds to be held by the Trustees of the Trust Fund. Once the fund is established we will discuss the idea of a calendar to be sold for the scholarship fund. The camp scholarship will be set up in memory of a former member of the CCC, Deb Levesque. Dick has graciously offered to make the first donation. Dennis will make a phone call to the Levesque family to see if someone would like to attend the next BOS meeting.

Dennis reported the cost of the calendars would be \$3-9 each, based on the size, format and composition of the calendar itself. Discussion regarding the size, pictures, information to be included, comments and suggestions will be established. We need 12 pictures and updated information regarding the CCC for the calendar. Donna presented a slide show of pictures members of the CCC have sent her. Judi will e-mail or create a cd of her pictures and send to Donna. Dennis will look the \$5 range with a simple binding that can be hung. Captions should be included with each picture. We could include a previous Barry Camp picture. We also should explain that proceeds from the calendar will help the cost of the scholarship fund. Dennis suggested a work session for the next CCC meeting to finalize the calendar plans. We also discussed options for selling the calendars. Options for a 14 month calendar was discussed. Dennis will work on these items.

3. Wildlife crossing signs:

Thanks was given to Susan and Donna for stenciling the signs. Green metal stakes have been donated. We will determine the best way to attach them. Susan would like to get residents to take ownership of these signs, to put them up in the spring and take them down and store them in the winter.

4. Newsletter:

Betsy would like to update the CCC agenda: Whatever the commission decides to do should act as a commitment and needs to be placed in the newsletter. The calendar, Barry Conservation Scholarship, New Boston Bridge with a railing, Wildlife crossing signs were some of the options for the Newsletter. Susan will check to see if she has a picture of Deb Levesque to be included. Donna will check Hooksett Banner to see if there is a picture available. Dennis asked to have the Director of the Barry Conservation's name to be removed because the information is available on the web site. Judi made some grammatical changes regarding the Barry Conservation information. Ellie will write a short blurb why she enjoys the Conservation is important to her. Dennis suggested only asking for volunteers or involvement with the CCC in only one spot, rather than every article.

5. Tax deeded property:

Susan outlined on the town maps which properties are being discussed. The CCC discussed which properties they may be interested in. The CCC would like the BOS to know they are interested in 3 properties.

6. NHACC conference:

Judi, Dick, Ellie, Mimi and Betsy will attend the conference. Dick will be at the Library at 7 a.m. if anyone wants to carpool with him. Registration starts at 8 a.m., the ride will take approximately an hour to the Laconia Middle School. Betsy will meet anyone else at 8 a.m. to carpool.

7. Other Business:

Nick Coates, Executive Director of NHACC, requested to come speak to the CCC next month. Betsy has put him on the agenda.

No other business addressed

Motion made by Dennis to adjourn the meeting.

Seconded by Susan.

No further discussion.

Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned 9:00 p.m.

Minutes Submitted by Donna Del Rosso