



Town of Candia
Conservation Commission
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Candia, New Hampshire
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Candia Conservation Commission March 17th, 2015 Minutes (unapproved)

Attendees:

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

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Vice-chair Judi Lindsey followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Dick Snow was seated as a voting member.

Guest: Emily Lord & Catherine Sangillo

Emily was here to represent the NH Association Conservation Commission. Emily informed us new projects. NHACC is the only organization that represents Conservation Commissions throughout New Hampshire. They have been around for about 40 yrs now; Emily and Nick are the only members. They have 217 conservation commissions that they support. Berlin surprisingly does not have a conservation commission. The NHACC is non-profit and is only supported by dues and the annual meeting. Nick and Emily have been applying for grants to help with the funding. The first thing they provide is technical assistance, if we had a question we could call or e-mail for example: the town would like to allow camping on a specific piece of property, we don't have an NRI, and what should we do etc... There is a Member Resource Library, you can go on their website, click on Member area where we can create our own log-in, then you can access different files of the information we are looking for.

The second thing they do is all the Legislative work, which is primarily Nick's area of expertise. He watches to see if the bills passed in the Senate will have a positive or negative effect on Conservation Commissions.

The third is education which is Emily's area; she is trying to provide more information at the Annual meeting. They are offering more workshops, with hands on experience, and classroom participation. Emily will be sending out information very soon. She is also very interested in new opportunities that she may be able to provide in a workshop atmosphere. The CCC participated in a pop quiz which we passed. Emily's e-mail is Emily [Lord@NHACC.org](mailto:Emily.Lord@NHACC.org). She thanked us for having her, and we extended our thanks as well for her very informative meeting.

Public Comment Period

Regular Business:

1. Minutes of previous meeting:

Suggestions were given to Donna to revise.

Susan motioned to accept minutes as revised.

Seconded by Ellie.

No further discussion.

Motion passed unanimously.

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

No new information available at this time.

3. Wetland Permit Applications:

Ellie reported no new applications have been received at this time.

4. Land Use/Wetland/Enforcement Issues:

Judi reported no new information at this time.

5. Correspondence:

Ellie received a thank-you from Lisa Cote, in regards to offering various projects for her Cub Scouts. Ellie all received the monthly Supply Lines Newsletter. The CCC also received an invitation from NH Co-op with different seminars being offered. Ellie might attend. We also received the monthly letter from the Southern NH Planning Commission. We also received from Bear-Paw the monitoring of Clay Pond and the Deerfield Town Forest.

Donna passed to each member the questionnaire from NHACC, which members will fill out and bring to the next meeting on Tuesday, April 21st.

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

Donna submitted an invoice for the month of Feb. in the amount of \$77.28

Ellie motioned to pay the amount of \$77.28 to Donna.

Seconded by Dick.

No other discussion.

Passed unanimously.

Susan will send a thank-you card on behalf of the CCC to New England Duplicator for services rendered. The CCC thanks her for doing this.

7. Conservation Commission Website:

Catherine Sangillo was present to mention a couple of website updates. When sending information to her specifically for the CCC please use web@CandiaConservationCommission.org i.e. wildlife pictures, special events, volunteer projects. Susan will be the liaison for the CCC when forwarding information. Dick will forward a copy of an easement to Catherine to be used as an example on the website. Discussion regarding Facebook was addressed however; Mimi was not available for this meeting. We will find out where this status stands. Catherine mentioned the website has been cleaned up a bit, links are all linkable, and there is a photo gallery: any new photos can be sent to her as well.

Old Business:

1. Land Trust Report:

No new information to report at this time.

2. Lamprey River Water Quality Initiatives:

Dick reported that PSNH was looking for mitigation regarding the Northern Pass, regarding grant funding availability. Dick is researching DES rules regarding crossing the stream we may need a permit. He will take a look and report back to the CCC with his findings.

3. Forest Management:

No new information available at this time. Dick wants to take a look at the Hemlock Drive trails to see if we can trim/cut back and make more accessible.

4. New Boston Rd. Conservation Area Bridge:

Susan is working with Lisa Cote on a date in April to work on the Deerfield Town Forest and will keep the CCC informed.

Dennis and Sean will pick a date for the New Boston bridge walk once the snow is no longer an issue.

Other Business

1. Barry Conservation Camp:

No applications were received. The CCC would like to extend the deadline to April 17th to possibly grant a youth the scholarship. The CCC discussed starting this procedure earlier for the upcoming 2016 year. Catherine will extend the deadline on the website.

2. Wildlife Critter Crossing Signs:

Suggestion was made to post the signs on the website looking for residents to take ownership of the signs, be responsible for putting up in spring and taking down and storing for the winter. Please contact the CCC if you are interested. Judi will type a notice, forward it to Susan, she will in turn send to Catherine for the website.

Photo contest will also be added to the website, so residents can be on the lookout for great animal/foliage/wildlife photos in the Candia area.

Membership terms currently due to expire are: Ellie Davidson, Mimi Alberu, and Dick Snow. These people should let Betsy know if they are still interested so that she can compose a letter of interest to the BOS for these sustaining members. Dick will contact Mark Pepper to see if he is still interested in being on the CCC board.

No other business addressed

Motion made by Susan to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Seconded by Ellie.

No further discussion.

Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes submitted by recording secretary, Donna Del Rosso