



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

**September 17, 2019 Unapproved Minutes**

**The meeting was called to order @ 7 p.m.** by Chairperson Susan Wilderman, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Present:** Chairperson Susan Wilderman, Vice-Chair Judi Lindsey, Leon Austin, Dennis Lewis, Betsy Kruse and guest Tim Bond.

**Public Comment Period:** Chuck Crowe of Bestway Wildlife Control was invited to discuss options for dealing with a beaver pond on Knowlton Road that is encroaching on private property. The town owns the property on which the beaver pond lies, so it is responsible for addressing the situation. Susan has discussed this situation with the Board of Selectmen. They approve our efforts to address the situation and suggested we take the cost of the work out of the Forest Management fund.

Basically there are 3 options: a beaver deceiver, which is best used on culverts and which run about \$600-900 to install; a pond leveler, which is used for bigger dams and can cost between \$1800-2500 to install; and taking the beavers out, which takes care of the problem in the short term, but does not prevent other beavers from settling there in the future.

The best time to install a beaver deceiver or pond leveler is when the water is warm. Mr. Crowe feels he has until about mid-October to do either and can do them in about 1 day, depending on conditions.

Susan will email Mr. Crowe with suggestions for dates to do a site walk. He charges \$150 to do one, and will deduct \$100 from the cost of the project if he does the work.

**Regular Business:**

**1. Minutes of previous meetings:** The Commission had not addressed the June minutes. Dennis moved and Leon seconded the motion to approve the June 18, 2019 minutes as written. The motion passed with Susan abstaining. We did not have a quorum for the July 16, 2019 meeting. Dennis moved and Leon seconded the motion to approve the August 20, 2019 minutes as written. The motion passed.

**2. Wetland Permit Applications** – A wetland application was submitted by the Brocks of Chester Road. The subdivision on which it was based had not yet been approved, so the Com-

mission did not feel comfortable making a decision until the Planning Board determined whether to approve the subdivision. Susan will write a memo to the Planning Board about this.

**3. Land Use/Wetlands/Enforcement Issues** – There were no issues to be discussed.

**4. Correspondence** – The Commission received a letter from NHDES regarding unauthorized excavation on the property located at 669 High St. DES requested information about the work to be submitted to them by the landowner by September 20.

We received a letter from the Lamprey River Advisory Committee regarding proposed spraying of herbicides to treat Japanese Knotweed in town. They expressed concern about using these chemicals, but acknowledged the need to control this invasive weed. They asked that the sprayer add “appropriate ground cover to minimize erosion issues from defoliation.” They also asked that the town and abutting landowners be notified prior to spraying. The Board of Selectmen has approved the proposed spraying.

We received the HEDES newsletter, *Supply Lines With The Source*. We also received the Lamprey River Watershed Association newsletter.

**5. Budget Update/Approval of outstanding payments** – The Commission’s request to retain the same budget as 2019 for 2020 was approved by the Budget Committee. As mentioned above the BOS approved use of our Forest Management Fund for controlling the beaver dam overflow on Knowlton Rd.

### **Other Business:**

**1. 2020 calendar** - Susan will ask Judi Lindsey to send her the picture of Leon and Melanie with the bear he carved for Old Home Day to use for the calendar. Betsy can also use it for the newsletter.

**2. Newsletter** - Betsy will start work on the newsletter.

Dennis moved and Leon seconded the motion to adjourn.

**The meeting adjourned** at 8:07 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Betsy Kruse.