



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

Oct. 20th, 2020 Approved minutes

Present: Chair Judi Lindsey, Vice-chair Leon Austin, Betsy Kruse, Dick Snow, Dennis Lewis and Administrative Assistant Donna Del Rosso.

Meeting called to order @ 7 p.m. by Chair Judi, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Guest: Jeff Littleton – Natural Resource Inventory Update. Jeff indicated that the last NRI was done about 10 yrs. ago. Jeff reported the cost associated with the update would depend on the desires of the CCC and how to pursue them. Items may include aerial photography of H2O resources, wildlife habitat, unfragmented parcels, conservation lands, agricultural land, GIS, wetland issues and ecological resources. Jeff is willing to share other maps so the members can define the areas they would like to include. The last NRI did not include the water area of about 37 acres. Betsy wanted to know how to go about having it named. CCC members believe it was at one time a Mill Pond and it may fall under the “protection” criteria. Jeff is willing to contact DES and update the members of his findings. Jeff is willing to provide a proposal for costs. The CCC members will come up with a list and Jeff will itemize each area. The proposal will have about 3 additional options members will put in a warrant article to cover the cost of the proposal. Dennis would be interested in any changes in the Federal level, new development, permanent easements and Chair Judi would also like to include endangered species. Jeff will forward a proposal within 2 weeks. Chair Judi and Dick will contact Matt Cobb (Chair-Agricultural Committee) to see if they might be interested in joining forces. Betsy suggested that they may want to co-sponsor a warrant article.

Regular Business:

1. Minutes of Previous Minutes: Dennis motioned to accept the minutes as amended. Vice-chair Leon second. No further discussion. Motion passed. Dick-abstained, Betsy-yes, Leon-yes, Dennis-yes and Chair Judi-yes.

2. Wetland Permit Applications: Nothing new was reported.

3. Land Use/Wetlands/Enforcement Issues: Dennis indicated the Planning Board is still waiting for a letter from DES about the New Boston Rd. issue. Concern is that the developer has now dropped off lumber even though there is a Cease and Desist order in place. Members have informed the building inspector.

Chair Judi reported that the old property where the appliance store was may have “endangered” species there, so they are awaiting a report from DES.

4. Correspondence: Betsy indicated that members received an invoice from Bear Paw for membership dues of \$100. Chair Judi reminded members about the NHACC annual conference on 11/7. She asked them to go online and register and submit invoice for reimbursement.

5. Budget Update/Approval of outstanding payments: Betsy motioned to pay NHACC membership of \$300, Vice-chair Leon second. Motion passed.

Betsy-yes, VC Leon-yes, Dennis-yes, Chair Judi-yes and Dick-yes.

Betsy motioned to pay Bear Paw \$100 for membership dues. Chair Judi second. Motion passed. Betsy-yes, Chair Judi-yes, VC Leon yes, Dennis yes and Dick-yes. Dennis indicated that the Budget Committee or the BOS had no questions regarding the budget.

6. Water Resources: Dick will contact PB Rudy regarding water resource projects he is involved in with SNHPC and report back to the members.

Dick also indicated that the Conservation Commission has a piece of property on High St. that now seems to have “disappeared” up near Donovan Rd, he will research with SNHPC.

7. SNHPC update: Dick will forward the presentation from SNHPC with the H2O resources and planning.

New/Other Business:

1. Newsletter: Betsy reported that she will have a “draft” for the members to look over next meeting.

2. Barry Camp Update: This year the camp will need the name of the scholarship winner. Dennis will get all the specifics and bring to the next meeting. 4-H on the Wild Side seems to be the best week. Deadline submission will be Friday, January 8th, 2021 then members will select a winner at Jan’s meeting.

3. Calendar updates: Members picked October (fisher cat) picture for the cover of the 2021 calendar. The back picture will be 2020 camp winner and the Bear raffle winner which will be provided by Chair Judi and be sent to Janet.
4. CCC Kids Club/transition ideas: Chair Judi informed members that due to Covid she has been unable to meet with the kids and is looking for suggestions to keep the group going. Members discussed having some guest speakers at the Library to entice the community to attend, offering/learning different resources in Candia. Chair Judi might ask Heidi at the Library for suggestions. Chair Judi may also contact the kid's parents to see if they might be interested as well.
5. Old Home Day/Wood sculpture raffle: Members thanked Vice-chair Leon and Dean Young for providing the space and opportunity.
6. Community Conservation Cohort online workshop: Chair Judi and Vice-chair Leon are overly impressed with the group and are learning many different things.

Betsy observed a critter crossing sign near South Rd. and would like to take it down for the winter season.

Knowles Pond property (Heron Rockery) has sold, and new owners have moved in.

Ryan Young still expressed interest in joining the CCC once he has moved to town.

Dick would like Donna Becker to send the monthly financial reports prior to the meeting, Chair Judi will ask.

Dick is interested in contacting SNHPC on working with the railbeds on Depot Rd.

Dick is concerned with the 4-acre gravel parking lot (Co-Parts) that is close to the Lamprey River (wetlands).

Dick motioned to adjourn at 8:40 p.m. Dennis second. Motion passed.

Dick-yes, Dennis-yes, Betsy-yes, Chair Judi-yes and Vice-chair Leon-yes.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Admin. Assistant Donna Del Rosso.