



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

Nov. 17, 2020 Meeting minutes Approved

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

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

Guests: Scott & Tracy Blevens are interested in purchasing the parcel identified as Map 404 lot 118 (10 acres) of town owned property so they could have access to their wood lot. They were just making sure there were no issues with the purchase. Currently now they must go through someone else's property. Betsy suggested putting an easement on their properties. Dennis also suggested that the CCC put an easement on it then the Blevens could purchase it. The CCC will discuss some options and forward a letter to the BOS with recommendations.

Jeff Littleton (Moosehead Ecological) was present via Zoom and went over his proposal and received some feedback from the CCC. Matt Cobb (Agricultural Commission) was also present via Zoom. Members discussed both Commissions joining forces to explore options for the NRI (Natural Resource Inventory). Jeff suggested that the NRI would be updated with new data. Jeff discussed some options such as: site specific rare species, fieldwork for wildlife habitat, mapping specific agricultural land (via air photography) and conservation focus areas. Chair Judi was also interested in the Story Maps and suggested we include that on the website as well. Due to the time constraints of getting a warrant article by 11/19 to the BOS, Betsy will condense the

proposal to include the areas that CCC would like to have updated. The cost of the proposal/warrant article will be \$18,600, Jeff will update the original proposal to include Story Maps and forward to Betsy.

Betsy motioned to have a warrant article for \$18,600 to update the NRI to work with the Master Plan. Leon second. No further discussion.

Dick-yes, Betsy-yes, Vice-chair Leon-yes, Dennis-yes and Chair Judi-yes. Motion passed. Betsy will forward the proposal to Matt Cobb for the Agricultural Commission to look over.

The Commission drafted a warrant article: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$18,600 for the ten-year update of the Natural Resource Inventory (NRI). This document works in tandem with the recent updated Master Plan. (Might be more defined by Betsy).

Regular Business:

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

2. Wetland Permit Applications: Nothing new received.

3. Land Use/Wetlands/Enforcement Issues: Dennis reported the BOS have decided to withdraw from the issues regarding New Boston Rd. on recommendation from the Town Attorney. (see explanation below)

A wetland violation regarding a Brown Rd. issue was forwarded to DES by the Bldg. Inspector.

Possible Main St. wetland issue was approved of a septic was done statewide by DES.

Crowley Rd. development is now back on Chester's Planning Board agenda, but Candia PB is not involved yet. Judi indicated that 2 of Candia's PB members had attended the meeting. Tomorrow is the town's PB's meeting and hopefully the members will discuss what transpired. Members cannot discuss until it comes to the Town of Candia.

4. Correspondence: Betsy received a 4-pg. letter from DES dated 10/22/20 listing the deficiencies regarding New Boston Rd.

Another letter was received from Penceoko (sp) Law firm with a proposed drainage easement for the New Boston Rd. parcel. BMT Construction LLC has retained Jeffery Merritt of Granite Eng. LLC to

provide assistance with compliance with all conditions listed in the AOT (alteration of terrain) permit and to address the list of deficiencies dated 10/22/20. Mr. Merritt will also be preparing a final report once that effort has been completed.

Bear-Paw newsletter was also received.

5. Budget Update/Approval of outstanding payments: Invoice of \$250 has been received from the webmaster for 2020 services.

Annual sustaining membership of \$200 was sent by SEWA (South East Watershed Alliance) which has its own budget line.

2021 membership \$300 has been paid for NHACC (New Hampshire's Association for Conservation Commission). Both 2020 and 2021 have been paid.

Bear-Paw 2021 was also paid for \$100.

6. Water Resources: Dick reported that he has received a list of tools for water resources and will forward to the members.

7. SNHPC: Dick is working with them for a map of the lands that CCC manage and control. Dick reported that the town should have GIS capabilities, he will work with the Planning Board. Chair Rudy has mapping projects that may assist the CCC.

The Planning Board may be looking at a new assessing program which hopefully will include GIS reporting.

The CCC also received an e-mail from a new resident (Lindsey) who has GIS experience and is interested in becoming an alternate, the commission will try to get her e-mail and forward the minutes.

New/Other Business:

1. Newsletter: Betsy passed out a draft for the upcoming mailing.

Dennis will call Barry Conservation Camp to see if one or two winners will go to 2021 camp.

Dick will update Eagle Scout, Isaac Plante's article and forward to Betsy.

Information regarding the warrant article will also be included.

2. Barry Conservation Update: included above

3. Calendar Updates: Dennis will pick up calendars on Friday.

Members will get them when available.

4. CCC Kids Club: No new updates.

5. Community Conservation Cohort online workshop: Chair Judi and Vice-chair Leon reported that they have learned about all kinds of new resources. Chair Judi stressed the importance of buffers along rivers. She may also inform the Planning Board of her findings.

Chair Judi also informed the commission that Fish & Game will come to your land to observe the turtle habitat and offer information about grants and state funds that may be available.

Betsy indicated that Jim Logan may be interested in an easement, (part of the Bear-Paw corridor) but interest has been put on hold for the moment. Chair Judi may stop by and offer some suggestions.

Chair Judi also provided information regarding having a Mapping Trails group, we could open it up to the residents via our website. Information to follow.

Suggestion was made to have meetings with various members of different boards/commissions.

Chair Judi received a message from the owner of Northway Farms (45 acres) who may be interested in an easement. She will follow-up.

Dennis motioned to adjourn the meeting @ 8:50 p.m. Vice-chair Leon second. No further discussion.

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

Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, December 15th, 7 p.m. @ Town Hall, public is invited to attend. Zoom information will be available via Town posting.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Admin. Assistant Donna Del Rosso.