



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

Dec. 15th, 2020 Meeting minutes Approved

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

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

Guests: Lindsey White (potential alt.), Bruce Gilday, Joe Coranarti & Tom Severino (COPART project) via Zoom and Jim Logan landowner.

Public Comment Period: Tom Severino shared topographical view of COPART and their plans to expand the area. DES and ARM (Aquatic Resource Mitigation) Corp of Engineers was shown a plan of about 15 acres that had less than 1 acre of wetland impact. Bruce Gilday explained the findings on the property which also involved NH Fish & Game, Biologists (Dan Geiger & Dr. Michael Romano), DES and Arm Corp. Agencies went through the best plan for less impact on habitat and wildlife biology during all seasons. An archeologist was also involved, and nothing was found regrading ancient findings.

As part of the required mitigation, COPART is donation money into the Arm Fund. The State (of NH) would like to see if the Town has a project for which this money can be used before sending the funds to the state. Tom wanted the CCC members to think about this before the final plan was submitted. It must be included with the plans for the allocation of funds.

Betsy asked the distance between the river to the impacted section – 1K ft. The Commission was told the project lies outside the Shoreland Protection Act area.

Names of the biologists – have been inserted in previous paragraph.

Calculation of Arm Fund – Bruce indicated that it is based on a formula: Tax assessed value times the area impacted. Bruce estimates the figure to be 100K – 150K.

Lindsey asked when the application would be submitted – 1st wk. of Feb. 2021. The Arm Fund project proposal needs to be included with the application. Members will discuss possible projects.

Betsy wanted to know what would happen if COPART needs additional space. Tom & Ron are not interested in developing any other areas, it would be too costly.

Members discussed a site-visit and possible dates, and times were discussed. The application process will take 60-90 days after Feb. submission. TSeverino@Severino.com (Tom's e-mail).

Jim Logan lives on Currier Rd. (Deerfield side) and owns land on New Boston Rd. He is interested in developing a 55+ community area (30 acres) and leaving the back 70 acres in conservation. Jim would like to leave a tree line and build a road into the development. Betsy wanted to know if Jim would be interested in investigation other options that would result in a similar financial profit. Jim also informed the CCC members that Jesse Remington would be interested in having their Wilderness Camp be part of the parcel of open land.

Betsy offered some ideas for Jim to consider if he wanted to put the land into some sort of conservation easement with the possibilities of grants and/or funds. Chair Judi will e-mail Jim agencies that may be interested. Jim was thanked for his time and project ideas. He will keep the members updated with any new information.

Regular Business:

1. Minutes of Previous meeting – Dennis motioned to accept the minutes as amended. Leon second. No further discussion. Betsy-yes, Leon-yes, Dennis-yes, Judi-yes and Dick abstained. Motion passed.
2. Wetland Permit Applications – nothing new received.
3. Land Use/Wetlands/Enforcement Issues – Exit 3 may have a buyer that wants to construct a small building for heavy machinery and light repairs. No other information available currently.

4. Correspondence – Betsy - we received an easement monitor report for the Sanborn property, and everything is in good order, no issues. We received a thank you note from Bear-Paw for treating our land with love and respect.

On 11/19 from DES wrote a memo regarding Brown Rd. During an inspection following a complaint they observed excavation, drudging and filling for which they (DES) have no notice that this was being done. The owners were informed to refrain from further activity unless prior authorization is received by DES.

5. Budget Update/Approval of outstanding payments – Invoice was received for the Newsletter. Betsy will submit the invoice for payment in Jan. 2021, due to NHACC being paid twice.

Administrative Assistant payment for Nov. and Dec. will also be paid in Jan 2021.

6. Water Resources – DES has a great mapping system (GIS) for all resources. Candia currently has them on CAD which is not compatible with the GIS system. Dick questioned if the tax maps could be done on the GIS system which would integrate all resources. Dick will forward the information to members.

7. SNHPC – Dick has been trying to get a map of the East Candia parking lot (rail trail). He would like to see if we could make it more useable.

New/Other Business:

1. Blevens's Donovan Rd. property – Members discussed putting an easement before the purchase. CCC may pay the transaction cost. Suggestion was made to draft a letter to the BOS letting them know that the CCC would like to put an easement on it before it is sold to the Blevens's. This may involve a warrant article (?).

2. Warrant articles discussion – NRI (Natural Resource Inventory) Betsy would like to see if the Agricultural Committee may be interested. Members discussed waiting until next year after some research. Chair Judi may also discuss this with the Planning Board for CCC's next year's budget.

LUCT – Dick suggested we submit a petition warrant article to remove the cap of \$25K per year going into the conservation fund from Land Use Change Taxes. Dick will draft a petition warrant article.

3. Newsletter – discussed above.

4. Barry Camp Update – Dennis has not heard anything yet.

5. Calendar Update – Sales are proceeding. Residents that had their photos used each received a “free” copy.

NE Duplicators gave the CCC members a discount for printing. \$309 is ½ of the bill and members agreed to pay. Calendar account will be used.

6. CCC Kids Club/transition ideas – Chair Judi had nothing new to report.

7. CC Cohort – meeting may be cancelled due to snow.

Vice-chair Leon asked Lindsey if she had any ideas for kiosk in the trailways and open land.

Dick motioned to have the CCC recommend Lindsey White as an alternate for 3 yrs. Betsy second. No further discussion.

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

Chair Judi will submit a letter to the BOS for approval.

Chair Judi will draft a letter from the CCC for the Town Reports and forward to members.

Dennis motioned to adjourn @ 9 p.m. Vice-chair Leon second.

No further discussion.

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

Respectfully submitted by Administrative Assistant Donna Del Rosso.

No future meetings scheduled at this time.