



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

March 16th, Meeting Minutes Approved

Present: Chair Judi Lindsey, Vice-Chair Leon Austin, Betsy Kruse, Dick Snow and Admin. Assistant Donna Del Rosso. Absent: Doreen Stouse
Zoom: Ryan Young (seated as a voting member), Linda Thomas, Tom Severino, Bruce Gilday and Leah Gonthier.

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

Public guest: Carol Howe

Guest via Zoom: Leah Gonthier was awarded a certificate for winning the Barry Conservation Camp for 2021. Leah thanked everyone for the opportunity and is looking forward to going to camp. Leah will be attending the Junior Conservation Officer camp. Leah will provide pictures and will attend a future meeting to discuss her experience.

Bruce Gilday (Copart project) is the Environmental Coordinator for the project @ 134 Raymond Rd. The CCC received the final Dredge & Fill application for the expansion of the gravel parking lot. The area will have the least amount of wetland impact. It will be 500 ft. from Raymond Rd. which will be buffered by trees, also 1000 ft. from the North Branch River. Total impact of trees is 17.6 acres and total gravel area of 15.3 acres for the expansion. Proper erosion, drainage and grading will be done to protect the groundwater. The total area of impact is 43,550 sq. feet.

Biologists have sighted Blanding and spotted turtles and black racer snake for endangered species. They found no vernal pools. This was the best area to be utilized for the project's expansion. Bruce also informed the Commission that the Dept. of Historical Resources, US Army Core of Engineers and LRAC have all given the final okay and are very satisfied with the overall project.

Betsy asked Bruce how the CCC could apply for the mitigation funds. Bruce informed members that mitigation would be \$185K and it would stay in our local watershed. The CCC should have a mitigation project list to use for future funds. Tom and Bruce have requested from Lori Sommers (of NHDES) to keep the funds for an easement in Candia. Bruce offered his environmental services once an area is selected. The land should be with the application by May/June for the mitigation funds, and the State may give the CCC a couple of months to get everything in place. Bruce also suggested that the CCC offer some funds in addition. Tom would like to add to the already conserved land and build our "wildlife corridor". Bruce will forward the necessary paperwork and timelines for the filing of ARM funds. Bruce also asked the CCC members if we could forward a vote of confidence letter stating we have no issues with the expansion approval project.

Betsy motioned that Chair Judi write a memo stating that on Tues. 3/16th the Copart project was presented to the CCC and that there were no objections to the project going forward.

Vice-chair Leon second. No further discussion.

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

Motion passed. Chair Judi will draft a letter and forward to all involved.

Regular Business:

1. Minutes of Previous meeting – Vice-chair Leon motioned to accept the minutes as amended. Betsy second. No further discussion. VC-Leon-yes, Betsy-yes, Ryan-yes, Dick-abstained and Chair Judi-yes. Motion passed.
2. Wetland Permit Application – Copart was received and reviewed above.
3. Land Use/Wetland/Enforcement Issues – James Logan (New Boston Rd.) some concerning issues include calculations are based on 2 acres, no frontage mentioned, no zoning for 55+ off an arterial rd., his lots sizes are wrong, houses are close to wetland area – how would well and septic be done. The ZBA, Planning Board and DES would also need to be involved for this subdivision. Betsy

read the PB's minutes from Dec. 18th, 2019 and she thought they may allow a "waiver", members will read the minutes and present suggestions next meeting. Planning Board minutes from Dec. 18, 2019 references a waiver, variances and distance from an arterial rd., members will also research for better definition. Betsy thought that maybe if Jim (Logan) comes forward to another PB meeting that someone from the CCC should be in attendance to show support for wetland protection.

4. Correspondence – Supply Lines from DES, a copy of a letter from DES in support for the Copart project.
5. Budget Update – Last year's camp winner scholarship was not paid (\$540) for Oliver. This year's winner, Leah chose a different week for a cost of \$330 she chooses Jr. Conservation Officer. Chair Judi will request payment and forward to UNH.
Betsy will reach out to Brian for payment of the calendars.
6. Water Resources – Dick reported nothing new.
7. SNHPC Update – Dick reported nothing new.

New/Other Business:

1. Update on Warrant articles discussion – Members feel the residents were a bit confused and if another article is presented the CCC will try to give better examples of the process.
2. Marc Laurin – Bridge work on NH 27 - information was received.
3. NRI update – Dick reports there is 30K in the Land Use budget and we may need to wait until final software is selected before proceeding with the NRI. Chair Judi will try and reach out to the Agricultural Commission (Matt Cobb) to see if this is a project, they would like to be involved in.
4. Barry Camp update – discussed above.
5. Jim Logan/Copart Mitigation Funds – discussed above.
6. Calendar Updates – discussed above.
7. Youth Outreach (formerly CCC Kids Club) – discuss later.
8. Community Conservation Cohort workshop – Vice-chair Leon has finished mapping the last area of the Deerfield Rd Town Forest. There are 4 items he would like to address: 1. Trail Day (maintenance) 2. Remove metal trails markers and replace with spray paint. 3. Kiosk – to update in a timelier manner. 4. Research grants and funds for more trail maintenance.
9. Rules for Town own Conservation Easement regarding hunting tree stands and blinds. Ryan reported that NH Fish & Game has

general guidelines for rules, state owned and state managed. Portable stands are permissible from 8/1 through 1/31 and should be taken down by 1/31 unless on a private resident's property. If the CCC decides to produce rules they should be included in the Kiosks.

Isaac Plante Community Service hours – Dick suggested he check the Flint Rd. Conservation Area to see what needs to be done. The Deerfield Town Rd. Forest may also be an option.

Information was received from Don @ NH Solar Choices for community solar projects. Members discussed the old dump site might be worth a conversation. Information was forwarded to BOS and the Planning Board.

Betsy motioned to adjourn at 8:40 p.m. Vice-chair Leon second. No further discussion.

Chair Judi-yes, Betsy-yes, VC-Leon-yes, Ryan-yes, Dick-abstained. Motion passed.

Next Meeting scheduled for Tues. April 20th, 7 p.m. at Town Hall.

Minutes submitted by Admin. Assistant Donna Del Rosso.