

Town of Candia Conservation Commission 74 High Street Candia, New Hampshire 03034 (603) 483-8101

September 20, 2022 Meeting Minutes - Approved

Chair Judi called the meeting to order at 7pm., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. <u>Present</u>: Chair Judi Lindsey, Dick Snow, VC Leon Austin, Carol Howe, Tom DiMaggio, Ryan Young, Admin. Assist. Janet Lewis Absent: Betsy Kruse Guests: Therese Thompson, Jeannie Menard, Carl Pearson & Sarah Merrill, and Charlie Moreno

Public Comment Period: (1)Therese Thompson, a representative for the Lamprey River Advisory Committee spoke about the organization. The watershed consists of 14 towns that can impact the Lamprey River. Candia has the North Branch River and many small tributaries that drain into the Lamprey. The committee needs people from each town to join the advisory committee. They would like as many as 4 from each town. Go to the web site for more information. (www.lampreyriver.org)

(2)Jeannie Menard came to discuss and give information about the Pearson's property at 139 Main Street. It is 13.7 open farmland. The family is concerned to ensure that the property not ever be subdivided. What wording and actions would be necessary to have the CCC hold and be the overseer of the deed restriction until the new property owners obtain a conservation easement, which they have agreed to. This will be looked into.

Regular Business:

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting – Motion by Dick to accept the July minutes as corrected. Seconded by Tom. All in the affirmative. Motion passed. Motion to

accept the August minutes by Dick, seconded by Tom. All in affirmative. Motion passed.

2. Wetland Permit Applications: None

3. Land Use/Wetland/Enforcement Issues – 23 Main St is on hold. The New Boston Rd. elderly housing hearing is scheduled, but it keeps getting delayed by the applicant.

4. Budget Update/Approval of any outstanding payments – The budget was turned in and as there is no increase from last year.

5. Water Resources/Conservation Easements - The discussion about the Pearson's property as above. Dick told about the manual for the Clean Water Act and about funding for stormwater management. Public awareness needs to be improved for the future.

6. Forest Management- Charlie Moreno has walked each of the properties and presented the following report: (It shall be noted that all work done by Charlie Moreno will be funded from the Forest Management Fund line item.)

<u>Flint Rd.</u> -light thinning was done in 2008. It's a mixed forest looking really well. Suggested opening the trail up for better access. It is ready to be thinned with a light cut at this point for light to allow new growth. Dick made motion to have this work done by Charlie. Seconded by Carol. All in affirmative. Motion passed.

<u>Hemlock Drive</u>- was thinned 11 years ago. Forest is looking very good. The Woolly Adelgid is on the hemlock and needs to be watched. Invasive plants – Bittersweet and also the Tree of Heaven were identified at the entrance. This tree is very rare to find here and should be eradicated. Charlie will keep an eye on it and find the best way to deal with it. Boundaries need to be marked.

<u>North Rd.</u> -was thinned in 2006. The property needs to have the boundaries blazed. 15.5 acres, no trails, nice forest could be thinned out.

<u>New Boston Rd</u>.-has a lot of hemlock and has some Woolly Adelgid insects. Cut trees that are dying to make light for new growth and monitor with thinning in next 2 to 3 years.

Deerfield Rd. -Charlie still needs to look at this property.

Old Business:

1. GIS Demonstration - go on website to find what is there.

2. New Boston Rd boundary marking – Is being done.

3. Dedication on New Boston Rd. for Dennis – dates were discussed and October 22^{nd} has been decided at 10am.

4. Calendar update – Scholarship fund total \$1,537.45. With\$ 45.00 in donations to add from the Farmer's Market and Old Home Day= \$1,582.45. These funds are

held in a separate account to be used for printing calendars that are being sold to send a student to the Barry Conservation Camp in Berlin, NH.

5. Barry Conservation Camp Update – Ryan will follow up with status.

6. Schedule Hikes & Trail Walks –sometime in the future. Trail cutting is needed on Hemlock Dr.

Motion to adjourn by Tom. Seconded by Carol. Vote taken – all in affirmative. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted, Janet Lewis