

The Conservation Commission wishes to extend its sincerest condolences to the family of Dennis Lewis, who passed away on January 11, 2021. He was one of the original members of the Commission and a pillar in the community. He leaves a legacy of extraordinary contributions of his time and energy to Candia.

OLIVER WHITE, 2020 CCC CAMP SCHOLARSHIP WINNER



(2020 Barry Camp Scholarship winner, Oliver White)

Moore School student Oliver White was this year's recipient of the Debra Bell Levesque Scholarship for a one-week session at the Barry Conservation Camp. He was supposed to attend during the summer of 2020, but unfortunately was unable to go because of the COVID-19 pandemic. However, we plan to send Oliver and another lucky winner next summer.

In his application, Oliver wrote, "I like just taking a magnifying glass and going around outside and digging things up to see what is under them and to see how the bugs live and what they do...When I am outside I feel calm and happy."

We expect Oliver's week at camp next summer will be very rewarding.

Camp scholarship recipients are chosen from entries submitted by interested students. Although the deadline for the 2021 scholarship has passed, we encourage all Candia students ages 10 to 16, who like the outdoors, to consider applying for the 2022 scholarship. Applications may be downloaded from the CCC website, www.candiaconservationcommission.org. **The deadline for applications is January 8 of each year.**

The camp is operated by NH Fish and Game in partnership with 4-H through UNH Cooperative Extension. More information about the camp can be found at <http://www.wildlife.state.nh.us/barrycamp/>.

CARVED BEAR RAFFLE

Usually the Conservation Commission staffs a booth at Candia's Old Home Day every August. Last year we raffled off a carved bear to benefit the Debra Bell Levesque Scholarship fund, which is used to send a Candia student to Conservation Camp each summer.

As you probably know, this year's event was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Undeterred, our master chainsaw carver (and CCC vice-chair), Leon Austin had the ingenious idea to set up a booth at the First Stoppe Cruise Nights, where we could sell raffle tickets for this year's carved bear during the summer. Organizer, Dean Young was more than accommodating of our effort and provided a tent and supportive announcements during our times there.

The raffle winner, Rick Rain of Bow, was chosen at the August 27 Cruise night. Members of the CCC would like to extend our sincere appreciation to Dean Young and others at the Cruise Nights, who helped in this effort.



(Raffle winner, Rick Rain and carver, Leon Austin)

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT



(Eagle Scout candidate, Isaac Plante)

Periodically we have Eagle Scout candidates offer to do their projects on properties the Conservation Commission supervises. This year candidate Isaac Plante has requested permission to refurbish the trails that lie behind the Smyth Library. Some sections have become overgrown and others are in need of new planking over wet areas. The CCC was enthusiastic about giving their approval, but requested that Isaac obtain the Board of Selectmen's approval as well, since the property in question is not under the CCC supervision.

Isaac expects to complete his project before winter sets in. We hope Candia residents will enjoy the renovated trails.

A Note From The Chair...

As the new chair of the Candia Conservation Commission, I want to warmly welcome you to join our monthly meetings. This is a good way to see what issues our town is facing regarding our natural resources and how the CCC addresses these concerns. During this pandemic we have offered online access via Zoom to our meetings. The link is included in the notice of meeting posted every month, so joining us is easier than ever. This is also an opportunity to share your concerns with us.

Many of our regular activities, such as the CCC Kids Club and group trail work, have been put temporarily on hold. But luckily you can still get out in your own backyards and into various trails around town to enjoy nature up close. This is especially helpful way to reduce stress during these uncertain

times. Birch trees, cardinals, the gentle breeze in your face all have calming and re-energizing effects!

So grab your jacket and head outside! We hope to see you in the great outdoors!

Judi Lindsey, Candia Conservation Commission Chair.

CCC KIDS CLUB



(Members of the CCC Kids Club enjoy an outing)

Before the pandemic, students in Mrs. Lindsey's CCC KIDS club enjoyed outings after school. They explored fields and woods in the vicinity of the Moore School and Smyth Library learning about things they discovered. The purpose of the club is to get children outside enjoying and bonding with nature so they'll become knowledgeable and caring adults, who will take care of their town's water resources, forests and wildlife.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION WARRANT ARTICLE

The Commission has submitted a petitioned warrant article to the Town ballot. We would like to eliminate the \$25,000 cap of the Land Use Change Tax going into the Conservation Fund so we can more adequately address the need to protect some of our open spaces as increasing development impacts our rural character and natural resources. **You can read more about this in our separate flyer in the Boy Scout Packet.**

FOR MORE INFORMATION

The CCC holds monthly meetings on the 3rd Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Office Building. The public is welcome to attend. Visit our website for more information and to confirm meeting times and dates:

Web: www.candiaconservationcommission.org.
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