

Candia Conservation Commission

We are grateful to the community of Candia for supporting our efforts to protect our town's natural resources. The forests, fields, streams, wetlands, ponds and wildlife are what make Candia so special and healthy!

Here are some of the highlights from this past year.

In regards to gated entrances on town forest land, we invited Emergency Management Director Bob Panit to our April meeting where he spoke about public access for emergency vehicles.

DES issued a letter of violation for no permit to a landowner who had diverted water onto a neighbor's property. These are some of the issues the CCC oversees.

The Agricultural Committee joined us in June to present a talk by Dr. Pam Hunt from Audubon on the status of NH birds. She explained the decline (and in some cases, increases) of our bird population - relating to migration, habitat loss, and deaths (outdoor cats being the biggest threat to birds) .

Properties held in conservation easements must host an annual monitoring walk. We received monitoring reports on several town conserved properties with no violations. (Such as building structures being constructed, trash dumped, and stone walls broken down.)

Our Road Agent Jeff Wuebbolt met with our commissioner Ron Laverdure to discuss and work out the details to improve parking off the Flint Road Town Forest. We plan to offer safe and ample parking for those enjoying the trails.



Each year the CCC awards a Candia student - ages 10-16 - with a full paid scholarship to Barry Conservation Camp in Berlin, NH. This past



summer Remy Alff and Jojo Michael were our recipients. Jojo enjoyed learning how to do leatherwork and proudly displayed the knife sheath she had made. Skeet shooting and using the bow and arrow were among her top favorite activities. Remy learned more about being a Junior Conservation Officer!

We received a letter from the Lamprey River Advisory Council informing us of spraying to be done near some bridges in the area for invasive plant species. We reviewed several DES wetland applications involving installation of box and pipe culverts.

We were very appreciative of the efforts of Derek Maurice and Boy Scout Troop 120 on our Deerfield Road Town Forest where they did trail work, clearing brush and cutting limbs, etc.along with CCC member Ron Laverdure.

In June we hosted a table at the Candia Farmers Market where we displayed trail maps of our town forests and shared info on projects in town.

At Old Home Day we also hosted a table with information and trail maps. This is our opportunity to raise funds for the Barry Camp scholarship. Our CCC member Leon Austin once again provided one of his carved bears to raffle off.



Ryan Young and Judi Lindsey joined Deerfield resident Jeanne Menard to perambulate the border between the two towns, finding markers and recording monuments.

We meet the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7 at the Town Hall. We'd love to have you join us! Perhaps you're interested in becoming more involved and have special skills or interests that could be used in wildlife and town forest projects.

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