

CLARK CAYER, 2018 BARRY CONSERVATION CAMP SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

Moore School student Clark Cayer was the 2018 scholarship winner of a one-week session at the Barry Conservation Camp this past summer. He came to the October Conservation Commission meeting to share his experiences.



(CCC Chair Susan Wilderman and Clark Cayer)

Clark would recommend that other students apply for the scholarship because he had "a lot of fun" and says he has learned about conservation. He wrote, "I appreciate you guys selling all those calendars so I could come to camp." He intends to continue learning about conservation and hopes to return to camp again (with alternative funding arrangements!).

Camp scholarship recipients are chosen from entries submitted by interested students. Although the deadline for the 2019 scholarship has passed, we encourage all Candia students ages of 10 to 16, who like the outdoors, to consider applying for the 2020 scholarship. Applications may be downloaded from the CCC website, www.candiaconservationcommission.org. **The deadline for applications is January 15 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/>.

CALENDARS!

Tuition for Clark's week at camp was provided by the Debra Bell Levesque Scholarship Fund established in memory of a former Conservation Commission member. It is supported by donations and by sales of the Conservation Commission

Calendar, which is published every year. It features photographs taken exclusively of Candia's natural resources. The 13-month calendars may be purchased for \$10 at the town office building, at the library, or from commissioners. 100% of the proceeds go to the scholarship fund.

This year we had many wonderful photos from which to choose. We try to select a mix of landscapes and wildlife profiles for each edition. We invite everyone to email photos for next year's edition to us by August 30. Please check our website, (www.candiaconservationcommission.org) for guidelines for submitting photos. Be sure to include the location and name of the photographer.

FOWLER EASEMENT COMPLETED

Dr. and Mrs. Ed Fowler completed a conservation easement on 31 acres of land on Chester Rd. The property is located in an unfragmented block of land that includes a variety of habitats. It shelters many wildlife species that rely on these habitats. The area includes the headwaters of Fordway Brook, which runs into the Exeter River. The Fowlers previously donated an easement on 63 acres on Palmer Rd. Bear-Paw Regional Greenways holds both easements.

The Commission extends its sincere thanks to the Fowlers for their generosity and concern for the future of Candia's natural resources.



(From left: Bonnie Beaubien of Bear-Paw, Ruth and Ed Fowler and Sam Demeritt of Bear-Paw at easement signing)

**Remember to vote on
Tuesday, March 12, 2019
at the CYAA Field House!**

CLIMATE CHANGE PRESENTATION



Sherry Godlewski speaking to Candia audience

On Thursday, March 29, 2018, Sherry Godlewski, from NH Department of Environmental Services, gave a very enlightening presentation about climate change. The scientific data is clear; although there have been cycles of climate change throughout earth's history, the changes that are occurring since the industrial revolution have been exacerbated by human activity. Although we will not be able to stop climate change, humans can reduce the speed and severity with which it happens by modifying our "carbon footprints."

A Note From The Chair...

Being connected in a community is important for a healthy life. Community provides a network of interconnected, nourishing relationships. There is safety in community. Isolation compromises interconnectedness.

These concepts of community can be incorporated into consideration of how to protect Natural Resources. Small isolated patches of conserved land have value, but when these isolated patches are connected, they provide protective corridors for wildlife and water resources that benefit the larger community. Consider Bear Brook State Park, which borders the northwest corner of Candia, and its surrounding area. Because of conservation efforts, the area now covers over 20,000 acres (in Candia, Deerfield, Allenstown and Hooksett) enhancing the viability of differing habitats and water resources needed to maintain a healthy natural environment.

In the southeast corner of Candia another small easement was completed in 2018. It lies in an unfragmented block of land

that feeds into the Exeter River watershed and consequently helps to protect a water resource that towns downstream use.

As a town, we may not have large quantities of conserved land. However, we have the ability to carefully consider how we can best create interconnected areas of conserved land in order to protect and preserve our natural resources for the benefit of all living things.

We invite you to attend our meetings to learn more.

~ Susan Wilderman, Chairperson

AUGUST 18, 2018 OLD HOME DAY

The Conservation Commission staffed a booth at the 2018 Old Home Day. It was a good day with lots of activities and many visitors to our booth. We were happy to share our knowledge about conservation, discuss the map we hung and provide information for folks to take. We raffled off some items, the proceeds of which were added to the Debra Bell Levesque Scholarship Fund. We also offered an opportunity for children to make their own bookmarks with materials provided by Commissioner Judi Lindsey.



Ellie Davidson, Jim Lindsey & Betsy Kruse at OHD CCC booth

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.

E-mail: info@candiaconservationcommission.org.

We have openings for alternates and members. If you are interested in joining us, attend a meeting to learn more.