

**Candia Conservation Commission**  
Approved  
Meeting Minutes – January 19, 2010

Present: Chair Susan Wilderman, Betsy Kruse, Judi Lindsey, Ellie Davidson, Deb Levesque, Richard Snow and Dave Ickes.

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

**Regular Business**

**Minutes of December 15, 2009 were reviewed** and the following revisions made: p. 1, line 7: change “goals of the Conservation” to “goals *concerning*...” and p.2, line 10: change to read “...conducted. Other details need to...” **D. Snow motioned** to accept minutes as amended, seconded by B. Kruse. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**Wetlands Permit Applications** – There were no new applications.

**Land Use, Wetlands, Enforcement Issues, Planning Board –**

J. Lindsey reported on the Planning Board meeting:

- A Public Hearing was held for the Zoning Amendments for the 2010 Ballot; Judi clarified that the Commission supports their efforts to publicize the proposed Groundwater Protection ordinance with fliers/posters but cannot help financially. The Amendments were reviewed and discussed.
- The Planning Board conducted a preliminary review of the Sander property sub-division.
- Cost of Living Survey has been completed but the Planning Board needs to approve it before it is released to the public. A letter from SNHPC dated May 29, 2009 stated that the Commission was awarded a \$1,000 grant to help pay for the Survey.

D. Snow reported on Enforcement Issues:

- Update on Thibeault Sand & Gravel: The traffic study presented to the Raymond Planning Board is insufficient and outdated. It considered only the section of road between Langford Rd in Candia and Langford Rd in Raymond and did not consider traffic going to exits 3, 4 or 5. Also, the study was done prior to the building of the Candia Recycling Center and Liquid Planet, both of which contribute to the traffic in that area. The study also indicated that there have been no traffic fatalities in that area which is not accurate. There is concern about the aquifer that runs under the area and the effect that blasting will have on the water quality. One such concern is the unconsumed ammonia nitrate that can end up in the water. These concerns have been expressed to the Raymond Planning Board by the town of Candia and followed up with a request for finding the facts of law from Candia’s attorney. Dick will address these issues with the other selectmen.

**Correspondence** – Chair Wilderman reported:

- Letters were received from Bear-Paw and SNHPC confirming receipt of dues paid.
- Bear-Paw Annual Meeting with guest speaker Vince Walsh, wildlife tracker, is scheduled for February 13, 2010.
- SNHPC is updating the Open Space Plan for Candia and other towns in the southern NH region. They are establishing a new committee and would like members from various town boards to serve on said committee. New members will determine meeting dates and times. Interested parties must be approved by the Board of Selectmen. Chair Wilderman will submit a letter to the BOS recommending D. Levesque and B. Kruse (as an Alternate) be appointed to the Candia Open Space Plan Update Committee.
- SNHPC is establishing a Natural Resources Advisory Committee and would like a representative from the Conservation Commission and an alternate to serve on the committee. The meetings will

take place the third Tuesday of the month from 3:00-5:00 pm, approximately every other month. Commission members are interested but are not available during the scheduled meeting times.

**Budget Update/Approval of Outstanding Payments/Invoices** – Nothing new to report

**Conservation Commission Website** – Nothing new to report.

**Lamprey River Watershed Association** – D. Snow reported that the Association is working with the Lamprey River Nominating Committee to update their strategic plan.

### **Old Business**

**Conservation Land/Easement(s) Acquisition Status** –

- Rand Property on High Street: The appraisal was conducted and the before and after easement values will be available by the end of the month. Once reviewed by the Commission, it will be forwarded to the Rands.
- D. Snow has paperwork for the Siemenski property and the Sander property.
- D. Snow has contacted Charlie Bowman and Richard Gilbert regarding possible easements.

**Bear-Paw Status Report** – B. Kruse reported:

- A snowshoe hike on the Clay Pond Project is scheduled for January 30<sup>th</sup>.
- A Clay Pond Headwaters Celebration is scheduled for January 26<sup>th</sup> from 4-5 pm at the Hooksett Town Office. All are invited to attend.

**Forest Management Activities** – D. Snow has Charlie Moreno's plan for Forest Management. It will be a valuable reference when planning future management activities.

**Commission Properties Access Planning and Requests** –

- The trail on Deerfield Road property has been flagged by S. Wilderman and D. Levesque. The parking area should be plowed if possible.
- The trail on Flint Road property requires some maintenance.

**Open Space Subcommittee** - The newsletter is printed and ready for distribution in the Boy Scout packet

**Prime Wetlands Study/NRI** – S. Wilderman reported that Jeff Littleton submitted a quote of \$300 to hire a student to spend two full days researching grants to help pay for Phase II of the NRI. The Commission agreed by consensus to hire a student for \$300.

### **Other Business:**

- Wildlife sightings included eagles, red fox, white ermine, coyote, turkeys, and small rabbit prints
- Town Deliberative Session is 2.6.10 (snow date 2.8.10); School Session is 1.30.10
- Standard Implementation Process & Procedures is a work-in-process document and should be marked as a draft.

**J. Lindsey motioned** to adjourn at 8:30, seconded by E. Davidson. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted  
Pat Larkin - Conservation Commission Secretary

