

Candia Conservation Commission
Approved
Meeting Minutes – April 20, 2010

Present: Betsy Kruse, Judi Lindsey, Ellie Davidson, Deb Levesque, Richard Snow and Dennis Lewis

Meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m. by B. Kruse.

Jeff Littleton of Moosewood Ecological reported on the NRI:

- Maps were reviewed with the committee and changes were discussed.
- Date for second Forum was discussed with a tentative date set for June 15th. Dates need to be coordinated with the new Open Space Update Committee since much of the NRI work is overlapping with their work. Jeff will check to see if the Open Space Update deadline can be extended.
- Grants update: There are not many grants currently available that fit with the NRI, but they will continue to search, especially for Federal funds.

(D. Levesque had to leave prior to regular business)

Regular Business

Minutes of March 16, 2010 were reviewed and the following addition was made to p. 2, line 14; add “a motion to seek all types of funding. All were in favor. Motion passed.” **D. Snow motioned** to accept minutes as amended, seconded by J. Lindsey. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Wetlands Permit Applications – There were no new applications.

Land Use, Wetlands, Enforcement Issues, Planning Board – Nothing new to report

Correspondence – Nothing new to report

Budget Update/Approval of Outstanding Payments/Invoices –

- **D. Snow motioned** to approve payment of invoice from Moosewood Ecological for \$1,200 to come from the Conservation Fund, seconded by J. Lindsey. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- **D. Snow motioned** to authorize payment of \$60 to Ellie Davidson for reimbursement of the Saving Special Places registration fee, seconded by J. Lindsey. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- **D. Snow motioned** to authorize payment of \$4,386.78 to Bear-Paw for cost associated with the Gagne conservation easement, seconded by D. Lewis. B. Kruse and J. Lindsey abstained from voting. It was determined there was not a quorum so the vote was tabled until the next meeting.

Conservation Commission Website – Nothing new to report

Lamprey River Watershed Association – Stream walks are being planned.

Old Business

Conservation Land/Easement(s) Acquisition Status –

- Ed Fowler has agreed to continue working on the Siemenski easement.
- Rand Easement: D. Snow presented a preliminary appraisal of the Rand easement in the amount of \$70,000, that might be revised if the acreage changes. The Rands requested \$75,000. It was determined that a “firm” amount must be decided prior to presenting the easement proposal to the Board of Selectmen. It was the consensus of the Board to see if the Rands will agree to the

appraised value of \$70,000. Dick will speak with the Rands and report back to the Conservation Committee.

- B. Kruse proposed that a Project Committee be formed to go through the process and acquire proposals to bring to the Commission. Topic will be added to the agenda for the next meeting.

Bear-Paw Status Report – Upcoming Evans Mountain events: Woodcock and Owl Prowl on April 22nd, Spring Migration Bird Walk on May 16th and the Biothon on June 19th.

Forest Management / Management Plans for Town Land – Nothing new to report

Commission Properties Access Planning and Requests – Nothing new to report

Open Space Plan Update Committee – Committee is working on maps; need to coordinate with NRI.

Other Business:

Stewardship of Properties – Tabled until next meeting

Re-Appointments – **E. Davidson motioned** that the Commission accept J. Lindsey and B. Kruse for reappointment, seconded by D. Lewis. All were in favor. Motion Passed. Chair S. Wilderman needs to submit request in writing to the Board of Selectmen.

Cost of Community Services will be presented at the Board of Selectmen meeting on May 10, 2010.

Old Swap Shop – J. Lindsey shared an email from the Solid Waste Committee that outlined some ideas for what to do with the old Swap Shop and old recycling center on New Boston Road. Discussion followed regarding quality of land. DES should be consulted before anything is decided.

Estuaries Partnership – B. Kruse received information regarding the relationship of Candia with the Piscataway Watershed. She will forward to the ZBA.

Road side clean up – Heritage Committee has organized a road side clean up. Bags are available at the library.

J. Lindsey motioned to adjourn at 9:22, seconded by E. Davidson. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted
Pat Larkin - Conservation Commission Secretary