

Candia Conservation Commission
APPROVED
Meeting Minutes-14 December 2004

Present: Chairman Ed Fowler, Vice-Chairperson E. Kruse, and members T.Giffen, J.Miele, R.Snow, J.Lindsey, D.Levesque, P.Lamie, and guest S. Carrigan.

E. Fowler called the regular monthly meeting to order at 7:05PM. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as presented.

R.Snow made a motion to have S.Carrigan become an alternate member of the commission. The motion was seconded by J.Lindsey, all were in favor, and motion carried. E.Kruse made a motion to have D.Levesque become an alternate member of the commission. The motion was seconded by J. Lindsey, all were in favor, and motion carried. R.Snow agreed to submit a memo to the selectmen about the recommendations.

E.Fowler reported on a letter received by a DES in regards to a Depot Road resident. The town resident performed a timber harvest which occurred in the wetlands. The resident submitted photos that showed that the impacted area was not stabilized as requested. Therefore, they must rake, seed, and mulch the area before snowfall. J. Lindsey reported on the progress of the Crowley Road subdivision. Trees have been marked and the next meeting will be about the scenic road. J.Lindsey also reports that the Master Plan has been accepted and the CIP is being updated. Any zoning changes will not take place this year. E.Fowler stressed the importance of having the Planning Board change the wording of the Subdivision Regulations concerning one and a half acres of contiguous upland soil. J.Lindsey mentioned a 4-lot subdivision that borders Chester Tpk. and Donovan Road that came before the Planning Board for an informational. No information has been received regarding this being a wetlands issue.

E. Fowler reviewed the correspondence received since the last meeting with the commission. There is a workshop being put on by the SNPC titled EPA Storm Water Management. This will be held on January 14th in Merrimack and January 21st in Portsmouth.

E.Fowler reported that there was a total of \$299,736.68 in the CC fund as of the end of November. He also reported that R.Snow will now be the Treasurer of the Conservation Commission. R.Snow went over the proposed budget with the commission. R.Snow made a motion to pay Bear-Paw \$100 for the 2004 membership. E.Kruse seconded the motion, all were in favor, and motion carried. R.Snow made a motion to pay Nat Torrey \$7.27 for refreshments at the November 12th workshop. T.Giffen seconded the motion, all were in favor, and motion carried. R.Snow made a motion to pre-pay Bear-Paw \$100 for 2005 membership. P.Lamie seconded the motion, all were in favor, and motion carried.

E.Kruse reported on Bear-Paw activities. The annual meeting is scheduled for February 12th with guest speaker Kevin Gardner, the author of The Granite Kiss. The Bear-Paw office is now located at Pawtuckaway View in Deerfield Parade.

J.Miele reported on the Candia Conservation Commission website. He made the suggestion that the members take a look at the site and give some feedback on ways to improve the site.

R.Snow reported on the UNH Student Project. He has contacted Paul Johnson and the plan is to shoot for a spring project. The possible topic may be defining the process of getting something put into prime wetlands.

R.Snow reported on the Rivers Management Program. He states that as of now he is trying to build a coalition of users.

E.Folwer reported on the Deerfield Road purchase. After speaking with Phil Auger, the appraisal that was submitted was for fair market value. E.Fowler has spoken with a North Road resident who has 48 acres of land that abuts the Conservation Land on New Boston Road. The landowner has agreed to a Bargain sale for development rights.

R. Snow reviewed the attached draft warrant article for forest management. J.Lindsey made a motion to present the article to the selectmen. T.Giffen seconded the motion, all were in favor, and motion carried.

E.Fowler reported on information received from a town resident regarding the proposal of a bond vs. a specific dollar amount each year to replenish the conservation fund. Data received showed that if the commission asked for \$500,000 from the taxpayers, the average resident would pay approx. \$300. If we asked for \$700,000 in the form of a bond, the taxpayers would be paying approx. \$50/year for 10 to 15 years plus interest. The commission discussed the pros and cons of each. Upon approval from the meeting on 1-18-05, the following addendum has been inserted to go along with the above paragraph: E.Fowler reported on information received from a town resident concerning methods of proposed conservation funding for 2005, specifically bond funding vs. direct funding from 2005 taxes. The information received showed that \$500,000 could be obtained with a cost of only about \$35 for the average taxpayer in 2005, with reduced costs in subsequent years. Similarly, through a bond, \$700,000 could be obtained with a cost of only about \$50 for the average taxpayer in 2005, again with reduced costs in future years. The commission discussed the pros and cons of each method of funding.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00pm. The next regular monthly meeting will be on Tuesday, January 18th, 2005 commencing at 7:00pm in the Town Office Building, 74 High Street, Candia.

Respectfully Submitted By:
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Conservation Commission Secretary