

Candia Conservation Commission
APPROVED
Meeting Minutes-18 January 2005

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

E. Fowler called the regular monthly meeting to order at 7:07PM. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as presented with the exception of an addendum to one of the paragraphs.

E.Fowler announced that S.Carrigan and D.Levesque had been approved by the Board of Selectmen to become alternate members of the commission, and were sworn in that evening by the Town Clerk.

J. Lindsey reported that at the next planning board meeting, 1-19-05, they will be holding the scenic road hearing for the Crowley Road subdivision. J.Lindsey also reports that Selectman Gary York also discussed the transfer station.

E. Fowler reviewed the correspondence received since the last meeting with the commission. There will be three land resource workshops being held at the DES offices in Concord. The following will be covered: Comprehensive Shore land Protection Act; site specific alteration of terrain; subsurface systems; and wetlands programs. The Farm and Forest Expo will be held at the Center of NH Radisson Hotel on February 4th and 5th from 9am-9pm.

E.Fowler reported that there was an \$1146.95 check put into the CC fund for the unexpended funds for 2004. This puts the total of the fund up over \$300,000. Also, Bear-Paw had received their two membership payments of \$100 each for 2004 and 2005.

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. They will be holding an Open House on January 20th from 5:30-7:30pm. Plans for the upcoming year include a Blue Grass concert put on by "Down from the Hill" in April, a BioThon in June, and Bike-a-thon in the fall.

J.Miele reported on the Candia Conservation Commission website. He has given himself a deadline for the website to be up and running before the February meeting. E.Kruse suggested that we use Bear Paw articles on the site, or be able to link to their website.

R.Snow reported on the UNH Student Project. He received an e-mail from Paul Johnson who has agreed is to do a spring project. The project will deal with simplifying the process of designating land as prime wetlands. They can expand on the project that was completed by other students 2 years ago re: Kinnicum Pond and Moose Meadows. E.Fowler made a motion to go ahead with the project. The motion was seconded by E.Kruse, all were in favor, and motion carried. E.Kruse and P.Lamie agreed to be involved with the students.

E.Folwer reported on the North Road resident who has 48 acres of land that abuts the Conservation Land on New Boston Road. This will be dealt with at a later time.

D.Lewis reported on a possible warrant article or bond to supplement the CC fund. Guest Bob Berendson explained the advantages and disadvantages of a bond, one being that a bond needs to have a 2/3 vote. There was also discussion of how the taxpayers were facing 2 other major warrant articles the year and how that may affect the vote. A motion was made by T. Giffen to supplement the CC fund. The motion was seconded by D.Lewis, all were in favor, motion carried.

R.Snow reported on submitting another warrant article to protect town land from being sold.

E.Fowler reported that he will be contacting Charles Moreno to follow-up and see if there has been a plan set for the North Road forest management project.

E.Fowler reported that P.Bond had resigned from being Chair of the Open Space subcommittee. J.Lindsey has agreed to fill the position. The next meeting will be held on February 1st 2005 at the Smyth Library conference room.

E.Fowler reported the NROC will be holding a workshop on January 25, 2005 at 7pm at the Town Hall. The topic will be how to approach landowners.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50pm. The next regular monthly meeting will be on Tuesday, February 15th, 2005 commencing at 7:00pm in the Town Office Building, 74 High Street, Candia.

Respectfully Submitted By:
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Conservation Commission Secretary