

Candia Conservation Commission

APPROVED

Meeting Minutes-15 March 2005

Present: Chairman Ed Fowler, Vice-Chairperson E. Kruse, and members T.Giffen, J.Miele, R.Snow, J.Lindsey, D.Levesque, D.Lewis, S.Carrigan, R.Weeks, J.Collette, and guests Bruce Stevens, and Tom Dimaggio.

E. Fowler called the regular monthly meeting to order at 7:02PM. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as presented with the exception of replacing "permitted the application" to "chose not to comment" in paragraph 3; changing "2 lots" to "subdivision", deleting "put up", placing a period after 2-16-05, and deleting "as well as" in paragraph 4; changing "seasonable" to "seasonal" in paragraph 5; changing "E.Kruse" to "P.Lamie" in paragraph 9; replacing "on Crittle Hill Road" to "off Raymond Road" in paragraph 12.

E.Fowler reviewed the three warrant articles to be presented at town meeting. R.Snow will present Articles 18 and 20. E.Fowler will present Article 32. There was further discussion of possible questions or concerns that may arise at the town meeting. Guest Bob Berendson asked if there were grants available to help purchase properties. E.Fowler replied that there are some grants through LCHIP that need to be applied for that could provide a certain percentage of the cost of a property.

E.Fowler went over a Minimum Expedited Wetlands Application for a property off Depot Road which would like to construct a road to bring in machinery to do some logging. The road would be 12'x50' which would be a total of 600 ft. T.Giffen moved to accept the application, seconded by E.Kruse, all were in favor, and motion carried. R.Snow recused himself from the discussion as he is an abutter. D.Lewis abstained from the vote.

J. Lindsey reported that Crowley Woods will come in front of the Planning Board on 3-16-05. The Board will question a Class VI road that was not included on the plans. Also, on Wednesday April 20th at 7pm there will be a joint meeting of all the Boards to obtain input for the upcoming zoning amendments and a future land use map.

E. Fowler reviewed the correspondence received since the last meeting with the commission. Manchester Water Works received a letter from Selectman Gary York regarding the transfer station. He apologized for not keeping them in the "loop". The UNH survey center for the NH estuaries project wanted surveys handed out to all members of the commission to be filled out and sent in on their own time. E.Kruse went over a Conference that will be held April 16th at John Stark Regional High School entitled Saving Special Places 2005: Conservation Tools for a Growing State. R.Snow made a motion that money from the CC fund be used to send members or alternates who are interested in going to the conference. T.Giffen seconded the motion, all were in favor, and motion carried.

E.Kruse reported on Bear-Paw activities. The Blue Grass Concert put on by "Down on the Hill" will be postponed until the fall. The BioThon will be on June 11th, and Bike-a-thon on September 24. A spring walk/grasslands walk is being planned.

J.Miele reported on the Candia Conservation Commission website. The press release went out last week.

R.Snow reported on the UNH Student Project. The MOU has been signed, reviewed, and modified. He is checking on the actual date that the project will be presented to the Commission, so that a special meeting can be planned if needed.

E.Fowler reported that Charles Moreno has not found someone to do the work on the North Road forest management project. The hope is that another small job comes up in the same area to make it worth the time.

J.Lindsey reported on the Open Space subcommittee. The brochure is complete. Color copies will be provided at the town meeting at the Conservation Commission table. The 3rd newsletter has been printed and will be placed on seats at the town meeting.

E.Fowler reported that the owner of the North Road property is ready to move on. An appraisal and survey will be set up. R.Snow made a motion to have the cost of the survey and appraisal be taken out of the CC fund. T.Giffen seconded the motion, all were in favor, and motion carried. J. Lindsey reported that there was an 80+- piece of land off High Street that was for sale. D.Lewis agreed to speak to the owner of the property. E.Fowler reported that a property owner approached him about a landlocked property on Old Candia Road that was 2.2 acres. The CC urged him to pursue it. Also, a letter was received from a town resident who owns a piece of land on New Boston Road that had a 1500% tax increase this year. The owners are refusing to pay this and are giving the property up to the town. Legally, the Selectmen cannot accept property without it coming before the town, but according to RSA 36-A: 4, the CC may receive gifts of property in the name of the town.

Guest Bruce Stevens asked if an appraiser had been contacted about his property off Raymond Road. E.Fowler reported that he has been out of town and has not yet scheduled that. The tentative date for the site walk was rescheduled to Saturday, April 23, at 8:30am.

R.Snow reminded members whose terms were up in 2005 that a decision to remain on the commission needed to be made. T.Giffen stated that he would be interested in becoming a member instead of an alternate to replace P.Bond who resigned earlier this year. J.Miele is also interested in changing his status from an alternate to a member. D.Lewis agreed to stay on as a member for another term. R.Snow will turn the names into the Selectmen for appointment.

E.Fowler announced that a town resident, who is attending Grove City College in the area of wetland conservation, is interested in putting together a power point presentation for the public. The May 17th meeting date has been set aside for this.

E.Kruse mentioned that she would like to see a revision made to the zoning ordinances that would give people moving into Candia an incentive for renovating or buying an existing home instead of purchasing property and building a brand new home. The question was raised if it was feasible to create an incentive package for people to get reduced finances? T.Giffen expressed the concern of impact fees and what would be in it for realtors and financial corporations to make them want to be a part of this program. The CC encouraged E.Kruse to research it further and keep them up-to-date.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20pm. The next regular monthly meeting will be on Tuesday, April 19th, 2005 commencing at 7:00pm in the Town Office Building, 74 High Street, Candia.

Respectfully Submitted By:
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