

Candia Conservation Commission

APPROVED

Meeting Minutes-19 April 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 7:03PM. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as presented with the exception of changing "Tower Hill" to "Depot" in paragraph 4.

E.Fowler reviewed a letter sent to Jireh Property Investment, LLC from the Commissioner of DES. This letter was in regards to the Crowley Woods plans and application. It listed conditions that needed to be met subject to receiving a permit.

J. Lindsey reported that Crowley Woods now has 12 lots. One lot was identified as "unbuildable" due to the fact that a right-of-way bisects the property. The Aunt Mary Brook Road, Beck Subdivision, is now 1 lot instead of 2 so that the house would be placed on the front lot on the 1 1/2 contiguous upland soil.

E. Fowler reviewed the correspondence received since the last meeting with the commission. A letter was received from NROC asking for grant applications. The Conservation News Bulletin stated that the National Conservation Committee Meeting on November 5th.

E.Kruse reported on Bear-Paw activities. On May 26th, there will be a walk to Popple Island in Epsom which will be led by Eric Orff. He will be teaching how to read the Bear-Paw maps. The Bio-Thon will be on June 11th. Dan Kern will be hosting a bird walk in June. A Bike-a-thon will take place in October starting and ending at Bear Brook.

J.Miele reported on the Candia Conservation Commission website. He is working on changing the article on the homepage from a winter article to spring. J.Lindsey reported that information about Barry Conservation Camp will be available on the site.

R.Snow reported on the UNH Student Project. The students, who are researching the prime wetlands in Candia, have recently made two visits; Abe Emerson Marsh and Kinnicum Pond. On, May 10th at 7pm, the UNH student project will be presented at the Smyth Library. This will be open to the public. The presentation will discuss the prime wetlands of Candia.

R.Snow reported that he attended a meeting with the Lamprey River Watershed Association, which has been around for 28 years. The Association is trying to expand and is looking for volunteers to do water quality testing along the river. They are also, looking for people to be on the Board of Directors.

E.Fowler reported that Charles Moreno will find someone to do the work on the North Road forest management project. The hope is to begin in August.

J.Lindsey reported on the Open Space subcommittee. There will be a house meeting at Judi Lindsey's on April 27th at 7pm. This will be to inform people about conservation easements.

E.Fowler reported on the North Road property. Jim Franklin is going to provide a survey map of the property without cost, and then the appraiser will go in. There will also be a public hearing held on May 26th at 7pm to discuss the purchase of 82+- acres on Deerfield Road. Guest Bruce Stevens is working on a letter stating his intentions for the property off Raymond Road. He is also working with the abutters to write a letter stating whether the right-of-way into the property will be 25 or 60 feet. A walk through of the property will take place on Saturday, 4-23-05, at 9am. An appraisal will be scheduled after the letters are received and the walk through is completed.

Guest Tom DiMaggio, chairman of the State Off-road Trails, spoke on a grant that was available for towns wanting to improve trails. The grant needs to be applied for by the beginning of December and needs to be matched by 20%. It could be used on motorized, non-motorized, and diversified trails.

E.Kruse reported that she was going to make a request for a discussion about smart growth at the meeting of the boards on 4-20-05. This policy will encourage buyers to purchase an existing lot and rebuild it instead of clearing and creating a new lot.

E.Fowler reported on the budget. The CCC has spent \$223 to date.

E.Fowler announced that a town resident, who is attending Geneva College with a minor in wetland conservation, will be doing a presentation on the impact wetlands has had on the town. The first hour of the May 17th meeting has been set aside for this.

The meeting adjourned at 9:07pm. The next regular monthly meeting will be on Tuesday, May 17th, 2005 commencing at 7:00pm in the Town Office Building, 74 High Street, Candia.

Respectfully Submitted By:
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Conservation Commission Secretary