

Candia Conservation Commission

APPROVED

Meeting Minutes-17 May 2005

Present: Chairman Ed Fowler, and members T.Giffen, J.Miele, R.Snow, J.Lindsey, D.Levesque, D.Lewis, S.Carrigan, R.Weeks, J.Collette, and guest Bruce Stevens.

The meeting started at 7pm with guest speaker Susan Wilderman a senior at Geneva College and town resident, doing a power point presentation on Wetland Conservation in Candia, NH. The presentation described how the wetlands are being protected and used here in Candia.

E. Fowler called the regular monthly meeting to order at 8:04PM. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as presented with the exception of changing the spelling of Poppel to Popple and Beary to Barry; "has found" to "will find" in paragraph 9;"that the owner of the" to "on" in paragraph 11; "85+-" to "82+-" in paragraph 11; "Grove City" to "Geneva" in paragraph 15; and "in the area" to with a minor in".

E.Fowler reviewed a letter from DES sent to Mr.Chivers regarding his wetlands crossing application. They requested more information which was provided by Mr.Chivers, and returned.

J. Lindsey reported for the Planning Board. The Board is beginning the Capital Improvement Plan and working on revising the zoning ordinances. Chair, Mary Girard submitted her resignation as a representative to the Southern NH Planning Commission. Town resident D.Critchett was sworn in as an alternate to the Board. On 5-26-05, a minor subdivision on Diamond Hill Road will come in front of the Board.

E. Fowler reviewed the correspondence received since the last meeting with the commission. There will be 2 presentations at the Brentwood Town Office on June 15th from 7-9. The first will be about Wetlands in South Eastern NH, and the other about The Importance of Wetland Buffers. Pre registration is required.

J.Miele reported on the Candia Conservation Commission website. There is a new article on the home page which includes a photo of a bear taken on the Lindsey property. A suggestion was made that residents could use the email on the website to report wildlife sightings. The commission also judged Earth Day drawings submitted from students at the Moore School ranging from grades 3-8.

R.Snow reported on the UNH Student Project. The students researched prime wetlands in Candia, Abe Emerson Marsh and Kinnicum Pond. On May 10th the project was presented at the Smyth Library to the public. A booklet about the presentation is available as well as a CD. If you're interested, please contact the commission secretary at 483-1015.

J.Lindsey reported on the Open Space subcommittee. The house meeting that took place at her house, on April 27th, was a success.

E.Fowler reported on the North Road property. Jim Franklin will 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. A power point presentation explaining the purchase will take place.

Guest Bruce Stevens came to the commission to ask for clarification about the suggestion of a 60 foot right of way through the Barnes property to get to his 75+- acres. His concern was that the Barnes did not agree to a 60 foot right-of-way, as that would lead to a development in their backyard. E.Fowler explained that he suggested this so that it would be appraised with development potential giving Mr. Stevens a better dollar value for the property. D.Lewis suggested that he go along with the 25 foot right-of-way and have it appraised. The town will be able to use 10+- acres for gravel, etc., and the remaining acreage could be put into an easement.

E.Fowler reported on the budget. The CCC has 83% of the budget remaining. R. Snow reviewed the current budget and stressed the need to be actively looking for grants. R.Snow made a motion to pay the NHACC yearly dues of \$225. T. Giffen seconded, all were in favor, and the motion carried.

E.Fowler announced that the commission will be hosting the next joint board meeting. It will be held on August 16th from 7-8pm. All boards and their members will be encouraged to attend to continue the work on revising the zoning ordinances.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20pm. The next regular monthly meeting will be on Tuesday, June 21, 2005 commencing at 7:00pm in the Town Office Building, 74 High Street, Candia.

Respectfully Submitted By:
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Conservation Commission Secretary