

Candia Conservation Commission

APPROVED

Meeting Minutes-21 June 2005

Present: Chairman Ed Fowler, Co-chair E.Kruse, and members T.Giffen, J.Miele, R.Snow, J.Lindsey, D.Levesque, D.Lewis, R.Weeks, J.Collette,

E. Fowler called the regular monthly meeting to order at 7:03PM. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as presented.

E.Fowler reviewed a letter from DES sent to Mr.Chivers regarding his wetlands crossing application which has been denied due to the following: drawings not drawn to scale, it does not meet Administrative Rule criteria for minimum impact crossing projects, no permission has been received from the NH Bureau of Trails, no current engineered or surveyed plans had been submitted, does not adequately establish a need, and it fails to demonstrate that there will be no impact to the abutting property owner. DES said that Mr.Chivers could apply for reconsideration if desired. A letter from Gregsak Engineering sent pictures of proposed areas where culverts would be placed in the Crowley Woods subdivision.

J. Lindsey reported for the Planning Board. The Board is beginning the Capital Improvement Plan and working on revising the zoning ordinances. On 6-15-05, possible candidates for the committee to revise the zoning ordinances came in front of the board. A decision will be made at the next meeting, 6-29-05. A 2-story office building well off Raymond Road was approved. There was an informational regarding subdividing an 80+acre parcel of land off Chester Turnpike. The commission showed interest in this parcel and J.Lindsey offered to contact the owner. There was an informational regarding subdividing on Donovan Road, and was told that was not allowed on Class VI roads.

E. Fowler reviewed the correspondence received since the last meeting with the commission. There will be a workshop in September called Woodlot and Wildlife Management which will include land stewardship, timber inventory skills, tree identification, and much more. The Stanhope Group LLC, an appraisal firm out of Portsmouth, offered their services to the commission. A memo was handed out to the members regarding the joint meeting of the boards being hosted at the August meeting.

J.Lindsey reported on the Candia Conservation Commission website. The Earth Day winning posters, submitted by students at the Moore School ranging from grades 3-8, are available for viewing on the site. A suggestion was made to change the article to go along with the season. For example, something dealing with turtles could be posted for this time of year. J. Lindsey reported that an article written by Rosemary Conroy was in the Union Leader a couple weeks ago about turtles crossing the road. She will contact Mrs. Conroy to see if she will give her permission to put the article onto the site.

R.Snow reported on the UNH Student Project. A letter was received from Paul Johnson, UNH professor, thanking the commission for the opportunity to participate in this project. Also included was an evaluation form which J.Miele offered to fill out and return.

E.Fowler reported that he still had not received the survey map from Jim Franklin for the North Road property. There was a public hearing held on May 26th in which the commission voted to purchase 82+- acres on Deerfield Road. After the public hearing, the landowner stressed that she did not want to sell the land to the commission if ATV's were going to be allowed access to the property. At this point in time, a purchase and sales agreement is in progress with the following contingencies: 1. a conservation easement will be placed on the property, and 2. no ATV's will be allowed on the property. A lengthy discussion went on about whether or not the commission will allow ATV use. The property off Raymond Road will have the timber appraised by Charley Moreno and the gravel will be appraised at the same time. D.Lewis said that he may know someone in town who would be willing to appraise the gravel for free. A suggestion was made that we get a letter from the landowner stating that the commission will be reimbursed for the cost of the appraisals if they choose to sell to another buyer.

E.Fowler made a motion to pay the NR775 UNH Senior Project \$362.24 out of the budget. T. Giffen seconded the motion, all were in favor, and the motion carried.

R.Snow reported that he received a book entitled Peter Little Bear as well as curriculum information from the Lamprey River Association. He will go to the School Board to see about the purchase of the curriculum.

J.Lindsey reported that the Biothon held at her property on June 11th was a success. A total of 301 species were identified. Money had been raised from the event for Bear Paw.

E.Fowler reported that Charley Moreno will begin work in August on North Road and the town forest for the forest management project. Mr.Moreno will be speaking at the September meeting about forest management.

E.Fowler reported that Old Home Day will be held on Saturday October 8th. The commission voted to rent a booth to display information.

The meeting adjourned at 9:07pm. The next regular monthly meeting will be on Tuesday, July 19, 2005 commencing at 7:00pm in the Town Office Building, 74 High Street, Candia.

Respectfully Submitted By:
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Conservation Commission Secretary