

Candia Conservation Commission

APPROVED

Meeting Minutes-19 July 2005

Present: Chairman Ed Fowler, Co-chair E.Kruse, and members T.Giffen, R.Snow, D.Lewis, S.Carrigan, and guest Susan Wilderman.

E. Fowler called the regular monthly meeting to order at 7:03PM. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved with exception of changing “will” to “well” and the addition of “acre” in paragraph 4.

Guest Susan Wilderman shared an overview of the Field Botany and Land Resources class she had just completed in Michigan. R.Snow expanded on the subject by handing out articles containing information about development that is going on in the U.S. Information ranged from creating large gated communities to having residents being compensated if they are unable to use their land in the way that they want.

E.Fowler reviewed a letter from Mr.Chivers to DES regarding his wetlands crossing application which was denied. Mr. Chivers stated that he was withdrawing his application since he was unable to satisfy the requirements at this time. A letter was sent to the Commission, from DES, informing them of a site specific permit to disturb a total of 226,000 square feet of land for a 7-lot subdivision off North Rd. that would be coming before the Planning Board on 7-20-05. An anonymous wetlands complaint was sent to DES regarding 23 Chester Tpk. stating that they were conducting un-permitted work in the wetlands. DES stated that they were unable to follow through with the complaint because it was anonymous, so they forwarded it to the commission to be researched. D.Lewis offered to drive by and take a look as well as check with the building inspector as there is an open building permit for a new house on that property.

E.Fowler reported that the Planning Board had asked the commission to review a minimum expedited wetland crossing application for the Hyers subdivision that was in front of the Board on July 6th. The commission approved the application for two driveways totaling 1526 square feet of impacted wetlands which was well under the allowed limit.

E. Fowler reviewed the correspondence received since the last meeting with the commission. A newsletter from the SNHPC showed that Candia had the least number of real estate sales from October 2004 through March 2005 and is fifth out of fourteen for average sale price. S.Carrigan reported that she received a call from a resident on Chester Tpk. who had spotted a blanding's turtle. E.Fowler announced that E.Kruse had been appointed to the SNHPC as a representative of Candia.

E.Fowler reported that the title search was being conducted at this time for the Deerfield Road property that was in the process of being purchased by the commission. The closing will take place on or before August 8th. The commission also discussed the wording of the purchase and sales agreement and that the mention of ATV use would not be included. ATV users are encouraged to come to a CCC meeting to discuss a plan for possible use and upkeep of trails on the property. The commission would then bring the plan before the town to vote on. E.Fowler also reported that the property located off Raymond Road was given a price of \$4000 to be appraised. A letter was drafted to be sent to the landowner stating that the commission would pay for the appraisal with the understanding that if the parcel was sold to another buyer, the commission would be reimbursed for the appraisal.

E.Kruse reported that Bear Paw will be holding a Fall Workshop with Phil Auger. The hope was that it could be held on the Deerfield Road property.

E.Fowler reported that Old Home Day will be held on Saturday October 8th. The commission suggested that they have pictures of the Deerfield Road property.

The commission filled out a survey from the SNHPC.

The meeting adjourned at 8:59pm. The next regular monthly meeting will be on Tuesday, August 16, 2005 commencing at 7:00pm in the Town Office Building, 74 High Street, Candia.

Respectfully Submitted By:
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Conservation Commission Secretary