

Candia Conservation Commission

APPROVED

Meeting Minutes-16 August 2005

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

E. Fowler called the joint board meeting to order at 7:17PM. Introductions were made among those in attendance. Those present included Kim Byrd member of the Planning Board, Ingrid Byrd alternate to the ZBA and school board member, Rudy Cartier Candia Fire Chief, Mike McGillen Candia Police Chief, Fletcher Perkins member of the Planning Board, Selectman Fred Kelley, and Mary Girard Chair of the Planning Board. Chair Ed Fowler asked what type issues they would like to discuss. J. Lindsey explained that the 1, 2, 5 zoning revision sub-committee were looking at steep slopes and protecting the rural character and a conservation overlay. Kim Byrd replied that the 3, 4 zoning revision sub-committee have worked with Jack Munn, from SNHPC, to create a set of overlay maps that depict the natural resources in relation to the current zoning districts. These maps will be updated as the Planning Board reviews them and verifies that they are correct. These will in turn be used to help design new zoning ordinances. Selectmen Kelley reported that the two sub-committees, made up of several committee members as well as town residents, are to provide input to help with rezoning. The hope is to have some projects wrapped up for the town meeting in March, but the total project will take approximately two years.

Kim Byrd brought up the fact that almost all the subdivisions that have come in for 2005 had been wetland concerns. He is concerned that there is not a wetlands expert as a part of the Planning Board, so would like to see Conservation members get involved with subdivision plans. Dennis Lewis replied that his concern was that final plans for subdivisions were being presented on the night of the final hearing and then being approved without anyone having the opportunity to review the revised plans. Kim stated that the Conservation Commission should set-up a sub-committee that would be able to attend Planning Board meetings, as well as be available to review plans. Ed Fowler suggested that Planning Board Secretary inform the Conservation Commission Secretary when plans come in so that members of the CCC can be notified via email. The key was communication between all boards. A presentation of a Certificate of Appreciation was then made to Mary Girard for being the first Candia resident to sell their land to the CC for the purpose of natural resource preservation.

The joint board meeting adjourned at 8:13pm. The ZBA will be asked to host the next joint meeting in November.

The regular monthly meeting was called to order at 8:19pm by Chairman Ed Fowler. The minutes from the previous meeting were approved as presented.

J.Lindsey reported that the Planning Board had completed an informational with a company known as Liquid Planet LLC. They were interested in putting a water park off Route 27, known as Map 408 Lot 31. They have a purchase and sales agreement on the property. They are predicting approximately one thousand visitors daily, and using less than one million gallons of water per year. The park was expected to be open from mid-June through Labor Day weekend. The hope was to be up and running by next summer. Ron Severino has asked for a waiver to extend the road to 1700 ft. for the new subdivision off from North Road. Dennis Lewis reported that he checked out 1 Chester Turnpike, which had been anonymously reported to DES that it had illegally been filling in wetlands, and found no evidence of this.

E. Fowler reviewed the correspondence received since the last meeting with the commission. An email was received from Liberty Elm.com encouraging the town to participate in a project to help clean up town roads. When this is completed annually, the town will receive 800 daffodil bulbs and 2 six foot American Liberty Elms. Joe Collette agreed to pursue this.

E.Fowler reported that on Monday, August 15th, the Deerfield Road property was purchased by the Town of Candia. The commission will now work with Bear Paw to put an easement on the property. An email from a town resident concerning ATV use on the property was read to the commission. Members agreed that it should be something that town residents vote on at the town meeting whether or not it is allowed. 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. At this point in time the landowner still has not signed the letter.

E.Kruse reported that Bear Paw will be holding a "Hawk Watch" on Saturday, September 24th, at Pawtuckaway State Park. On October 22nd, a site walk will be held on the Deerfield Road property. On October 27th from 7-9pm, a round table will be held at the Epsom Fire Station to work on using the Bear Paw maps and town planning.

E. Fowler reported on the CC budget. A check was received for \$34,000 for a property taken out of current use. The current balance is \$344,807 which does not include the \$200,000 from the warrant article. The total amount spent on the Deerfield Road property was \$370,010.82.

J.Miele reported that he had updated the CC website with an article written by Rosemary Conroy about turtles.

J.Lindsey reported that the next meeting for the open space committee was Monday, August 22nd.

The meeting adjourned at 9:14pm. The next regular monthly meeting will be on Tuesday, September 20, 2005 commencing at 7:00pm in the Town Office Building, 74 High Street, Candia.

Respectfully Submitted By:
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Conservation Commission Secretary