

Candia Conservation Commission

APPROVED

Meeting Minutes-18 October 2005

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

E. Fowler called meeting to order at 7:02PM. CCC member and guest speaker Judi Lindsey did a power point presentation about Sea Turtles in Costa Rica, after spending time there this past summer.

The regular monthly meeting was called to order at 7:45pm by Chairman Ed Fowler. The minutes from the previous meeting were approved as presented with the exception of changing the wording in paragraph 1 from, "presented a power point," to, "did a power point presentation," correcting the spelling of Fowler in the last paragraph, and changing the next meeting date from October 11th to October 18th.

E.Fowler reported that a Permit by Notification for a wetlands crossing on the corner of Langford Rd. and Raymond Rd. had been filed to DES. R.Snow recused himself from the discussion as an abutter. The permit was for a 1700ft. driveway leading to a single family residence. Road agent, D.Lewis, showed concern about the amount of fill that would need to be hauled in due to the steep grade of the land. The driveway could never be upgraded to an acceptable town road so there can only be one house on that lot due to the amount of frontage. The CCC agreed that there were no concerns about the wetlands crossing, and Chairman Fowler signed the Permit by Notification. Also, an approved wetlands permit was received for Donald and Leta Hyers dated 10-11-05 with a list of conditions.

R.Snow reviewed the budget for the upcoming year with the commission. The commission discussed the line items and concluded that they will budget \$2900 for 2006.

B.Kruse made a motion to have \$157.05 moved from the Grant line over to the Open Space line of the budget. The motion was seconded by T.Giffen, all were in favor, motion carried. E.Fowler reported that a check for \$4580 was deposited into the conservation fund from a piece of land that was taken out of current use.

J.Lindsey reported that the Planning Board had not made any steps toward formulating a Class VI Road Policy.

E. Fowler reviewed the correspondence received since the last meeting with the commission.

J.Miele reported that he was looking for a winter theme article to put onto the website. B.Kruse suggested checking with Eric Orff to see if he had any articles that he would like

to submit. J.Lindsey suggested taking pictures of the forestry project on North Rd. and putting them on the website.

R.Snow reported that the UNH project is underway and students will be evaluating some of the wetlands in town. They will be walking these properties on Tuesdays and Thursdays from now through November to gather pertinent information. A letter will be sent to landowners making them aware of this project. J.Lindsey will contact the Banner to have an article submitted as well.

E.Kruse reported that Bear Paw held a "Hawk Watch" on Saturday, September 24th, at Pawtuckaway State Park. On October 22 at 9am, a site walk will be held on the Deerfield Road property. On October 27th there will be a round table in Epsom and the topic will be using the maps for town planning. The annual meeting is scheduled for February 11th, and the keynote speaker is Ian McCloud, Executive Director of Silk Farm, NH Audobon. He will be speaking on *Raptors*.

E.Fowler reported that the Selectmen have agreed to waive the timber tax for the forest management project on North Rd. D.Lewis put the landing in and the sign up. The project is expected to get started ASAP.

E.Fowler reported that at a previous meeting the America the Beautiful program had been brought to their attention. He said that the Heritage Committee had agreed to help as well as the Women's Club. He suggested that the CCC get involved and look into having the Boy Scouts and Girls Scouts help out as well. Each group can choose a road(s) to clean up. When the project is complete we would be eligible to receive 2 six foot American Liberty Elms and 800 daffodil bulbs to place around town. Jon Godfrey has offered to be the contact person. A committee will be formed containing members of each committee. . D.Levesque and R.Snow agreed to sit on this committee. The aim is to do the project around Earth Day. D.Lewis raised a concern about having to sort the trash as it's picked up in order for the Recycling Center to accept it. It may be possible to work something out with the Selectmen and Solid Waste Committee to see about making the project a little easier.

The meeting adjourned at 9:24pm. The next regular monthly meeting will be on Tuesday, November 15, 2005 commencing at 7:00pm in the Town Office Building, 74 High Street, Candia.

Respectfully Submitted By:
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Conservation Commission Secretary