

Candia Conservation Commission

APPROVED

Meeting Minutes- 15 November 2005

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

The regular monthly meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Chairman Ed Fowler. The minutes from the previous meeting were approved as presented with the exception of changing the wording in paragraph 9 from, "will be holding," to, "held," and adding, "NH Audubon," after Silk Farm.

Guest Jim Lindsey reported on the UNH student project. Ed Fowler read aloud the Memorandum of Understanding signed by R.Snow, for the commission, and the students. Mr. Lindsey then reported that they were not very far into the project due to the amount of rain that we have been receiving and that the students have had a hard time finding the designated areas. The students finally contacted Mr. Lindsey on 11-3-05 and they have since been able to do Hall Mountain and Merrill Rd. swamp. They were to meet on two other occasions but the students never showed or called. E.Fowler reported that their final report is due at the end of November, so they should be doing their presentation either that week or the first week of December. D.Lewis suggested that if these projects aren't being done appropriately that we give UNH proper feedback.

J.Lindsey reported for the Planning Board. The Severino plans have been signed for the North Road subdivision. D.Lewis reported that Mr. Severino had returned to the Planning Board and shortened the road 400 feet, with same amount of houses. Mr. Thatcher, from 272 High Street, came in for an informational to create a 3 acre lot. The Hobbs plans have been signed creating 3 new lots on Main Street. A Site Plan Review was completed on Chris Closs' land on New Boston Road to create a new lot. A conservation easement will be put on the land in the back. He will be hosting a public party there in the spring to show how easements benefit conservation.

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

J.Miele reported that he had updated the web page with an article on deer feeding in the winter. Eric Orff also agreed that anything could be taken from his website. J.Lindsey will send some pictures of the Forestry Project being done on North Road to be added to the site. Thanks to Joe for such a wonderful job with the site. D.Levesque asked how many people had actually looked at the site. J.Miele answered that he had not checked, but will do so for next meeting.

E.Fowler reported on the budget. A check in the amount of \$7333.07 was deposited into the conservation fund on October 14. As of November 8, 2005 the CCC fund is at \$185,002.00. A copy of the 2005 Expenditures was handed out and reviewed. E.Fowler announced that he will be going in front of the Budget Committee on 12-14 to defend the budget. A \$65.00 bill was received from Sarra signs for the Girard Property sign. E.Kruse questioned why there was nothing showing in the expenditures that the Bear-Paw dues had been paid. E.Fowler reported that it was paid for with the 2004 budget, and it will therefore be a part of the 2006 budget.

E.Fowler requested reimbursement of \$85.50 for attending the NHACC conference. The cost includes admission for J.Lindsey and E.Fowler as well as gas and tolls. E.Kruse motioned to reimburse E.Fowler \$85.50 for the fees acquired while attending the conference. Seconded by T.Giffen, all in favor, motion carried. E.Kruse motioned to reimburse Charles Moreno \$100 for the Forest Management Presentation. Seconded by T.Giffen, all in favor, motion carried.

E.Fowler reported on the Rivers Management Program for R.Snow. A woman from Epping called and asked if anyone could come to speak about the program. R.Snow spoke on Monday, November 7th, in Epping. Topics discussed were USA Spring vs. Nottingham, South Road subdivision in Deerfield, watershed maps, and the development of the Lamprey Curriculum.

E.Fowler asked if Barbara Ferzoco, whose land abuts Kinnicum Pond, was still interested in learning more about conserving her land. J.Lindsey reported that she had never heard back from her but will send her a reminder. E.Fowler and Phil Auger met with the owner of a North Road property that is interested in putting approximately 55 acres on the North side of the road as well as some land across the street into an easement. No price has been determined. J.Collette asked what the stipulations were required from DES for the Hyers subdivision. E.Fowler read the conditions that were recorded.

E.Kruse reported that there is a Coffeehouse on 11-19-05 at 7:30 at the Deerfield Town Hall to Benefit Bear-Paw. There will be three music acts.

E.Fowler reported on the Forest Management Project on North Road. Road agent D.Lewis fixed up the landing. There will be a four pole crossing going over the wetlands. A permit application was submitted to DES for this crossing. A timber sale agreement was signed by E.Fowler and witnessed by R.Snow for the town. The insurance certificate for the logger doing the work on the North Rd. property had been received. The intent to cut was submitted to the town, which explained the types of wood to be cut and the amount of each.

E.Fowler reported that there have been no formal requests submitted to the commission for ATV access. He also reported that there was a petition being circulated around town by a pro ATV party looking to gain access to the newly acquired Girard property. They are encouraged to come to the commission and discuss the options.

J.Lindsey reported, for the Open Space Sub-committee, that the walk on October 22, 2005 on the Girard property went well. A Manchester resident called her and complimented the work of the commission and expressed interest in joining the sub-commission. The commission agreed that that was acceptable. E.Fowler reported that he had received an email from Dave Kellum, contact person for the estuaries project, and said that he needed more information regarding the project. E.Fowler forwarded that information to him.

A lengthy discussion took place about preparing the warrant articles. A copy of these warrant articles will be handed in to Carolyn Emerson.

J.Lindsey **motioned** to designate Ellie Davidson as an alternate member to the commission. **Seconded by T.Giffen, all in favor, motion carried.** A letter will be presented to the Board of Selectmen asking them to appoint Ms. Davidson as an alternate.

E.Fowler and J.Lindsey reported on information obtained from the NH Association of Conservation Commissions Conference.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00pm. The next regular monthly meeting will be on Tuesday, **December 13, 2005** commencing at 7:00pm in the Town Office Building, 74 High Street, Candia.

Respectfully Submitted By:
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Conservation Commission Secretary