

# Candia Conservation Commission

## APPROVED

Meeting Minutes-18 April 2006

**Present:** Chairman Ed Fowler, Vice-Chair E.Kruse, Selectmen's Representative T.Giffen, and members J.Miele, J.Collette, R.Weeks, D.Lewis, J.Lindsey, E.Davidson, R.Snow, D.Levesque, S.Carrigan, and guests Bruce Stevens, Selectman Rick Lazott, Mary Currier, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Sanborn, and Susan Wilderman.

The regular monthly meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Chairman Ed Fowler.

Guest Mary Currier, the executive director of the Rockingham County Conservation District, spoke to the commission about their easement program. The RCCD currently holds fifty easements on over 3000 acres of land. She also spoke on the Farm and Ranch Land Protection Program, or FRPP, which focuses on protecting prime agricultural soils. R.Snow made a **motion** that the commission authorizes E.Fowler to speak with Mrs.Currier about any possible easements that come up and bring back any information at the point in time when it requires a decision by the commission. **J.Miele seconded the motion, all were in favor, and the motion carried.**

R.Snow **moved** to accept the minutes of March 21, 2006 as amended. T.Giffen **seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.** The following amendments were made:

-Page 1, paragraph 3, line 9, change "from" to "to".

Guest B.Stevens came to the commission to see if there was any further interest in his land before he moved out of town next week. E.Fowler expressed concern about tying up land that is zoned either commercial or Light Industrial. He also questioned Mr. Stevens how the land would be accessed if it were to be purchased. R.Snow stated the commission is less interested now that it is partially zoned Light Industrial and does not have an access. Selectman Lazott asked what percentage of the parcel is already protected by the 150 foot buffer along the Lamprey River. E.Fowler stated that the total parcel is approximately 75 acres so not much of it would be protected. R.Snow and E.Fowler suggested that Mr. Stevens attend a Selectmen's Meeting and discuss the gravel that is available on the property. D.Lewis stated that the gravel could save the town approximately a half a million dollars ten years down the road.

J.Lindsey reported for the Planning Board. On 4-19-06, J.Miele and J.Collette will be asking for a Lot Line Adjustment, and Wayne Theodore will be submitting a waiver for a Lot Line Adjustment on Baker Road. E.Fowler reported that a complaint was filed to DES against Pleasant Hill Landscaping who is infringing on the wetlands next to Route 27. The approval from DES was based on engineered drawings which stated that a silt fence needed to remain in place until all of the gravel had stabilized and that three 15

inch reinforced concrete culverts needed to be placed through the wetlands. The silt fence had been removed and one 12 inch plastic culvert had been placed. The Building Inspector will follow-up with the situation along with DES.

R.Snow reviewed the current budget with the commission. Only 10% of the budget has been expended. E.Fowler announced that a check had been deposited into the conservation fund for the land use change tax from two parcels totaling \$15,929.

R.Snow **moved** to authorize reimbursement to S.Carrigan in the amount of \$45 for the Saving Special Places Workshop. J.Lindsey **seconded the motion, all were in favor, and the motion carried.** R.Snow **moved** to authorize reimbursement to E.Fowler in the amount of \$37.08 for roundtrip mileage to the Saving Special Places Workshop. J.Lindsey **seconded the motion, all were in favor, and the motion carried.**

J.Miele reported that an email had been received on the website from a resident who had walked the Girard property and questioned if there was a map that was available. He and Jim Lindsey will be creating a map of the trails and making it available on the web site.

R.Snow announced that the commission will be hosting the next meeting for the Lamprey River Watershed Association on May 9<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the meeting room at the Candia town hall.

E.Fowler reported that the North Road Forest Management Project is almost complete. An extension was granted until the end of June and signed by E.Fowler. He stated that a check for part of the timbered lumber was received in the amount of \$850.

E.Fowler reported that he spoke with Carol Sieminski and she is going to be selling 15 acres of the land on the North side of North Road to her son, leaving approximately 40 acres in which she would like to donate the development rights to a land trust. On the south side of North Road is another 28 acres that will be appraised in the near future.

J.Lindsey reported that the open space committee will be using the Girard property for a Bio-thon in June.

E.Fowler reported that a letter had been sent to Gary York and Brian Egan requesting that they move their trailers from the town owned property at the end of Hemlock Drive. Secretary Currie informed the commission that Bill Hallock, Building Inspector Code Compliance Officer, had checked on the property and the trailers had been removed.

The meeting adjourned at 9:13pm. The next regular monthly meeting will be on Tuesday, **May 16, 2006** commencing at 7:00pm in the Town Office Building, 74 High Street, Candia.

Respectfully Submitted By:  
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Conservation Commission Secretary