

# Candia Conservation Commission

## APPROVED

Meeting Minutes-18 July 2006

**Present:** Chairman Ed Fowler, Vice-Chair E.Kruse, Selectmen's Representative T.Giffen, and members D.Lewis, J.Lindsey, S.Carrigan, R.Snow, D.Levesque, D.Weeks, E.Davidson, guests Susan Wilderman, Fred Kelley, and Jo Duarte.

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

T.Giffen **moved** to accept the minutes of June 19, 2006 as presented. E.Kruse **seconded the motion, all were in favor, motion carried.**

E.Fowler stated that a check was received from the North Road forest management project in the amount of \$318.05. This brings the total to \$2057.27 received from this project. Also, a check in the amount of \$24,563 was deposited into the conservation fund on July 10<sup>th</sup> bringing that total to approximately \$590,000.

Secretary Higgins-Currie stated that there was a call received from Craig of Pennoni Associates in regards to the wetlands application that was filed for the proposed Candia Woods Industrial Park. He asked if the CCC had any issues with the application. Chair Fowler stated that it was a standard application and that no issues were found. He asked Secretary Higgins-Currie to return Craig's phone call and let him know that the CCC found there to be no issues with the wetlands.

J.Lindsey reported for the Planning Board stating that Ron Severino's subdivision off from North Road had some changes that were being made. Chair Fowler stated that he sent a letter to the Planning Board in regards to the CCC being a part of reviewing plans before final decisions are made. Guest Fred Kelley, Selectman's representative on the Planning Board, stated that he had no problem with the CCC being added as a condition to accepting the applications, as well as having a member of the CCC sit in on the technical review committee, and he will bring it up to the Board at their work session on July 26<sup>th</sup>. Plans for the Liquid Planet Water Park and Candia Woods Industrial Park were reviewed by the commission.

E.Fowler reported that he had received a bill in the amount of \$1050.00 for the preparation of the grant application for the Sanborn property on Chester Road. R.Snow made a **motion** to pay Rockingham County Conservation District \$1050 for preparing the paperwork for the Arthur Sanborn Land Easement Acquisition, **seconded** by J.Lindsey, **all in favor, motion carried.** All the paperwork for the grant has been submitted and approved. The easement still needs to be written, as well as a survey, and a final and

yellow book appraisal need to be completed before a public hearing can be held. The negotiated purchase price based on the appraisal that was done for the property was \$595,000, of which the Farm and Ranchland Protection Program funds requested, is \$273,700, leaving the amount paid by the town to be \$321,300 over a five year period. Selectmen's Assistant Carolyn Emerson suggested creating a sub-account of the conservation fund, in the full amount, for the conservation commission/Sanborn easement to show that the funds are committed or already being used. Any interest that is accrued can then be rolled back into the conservation fund.

E.Fowler reported that Mrs. Sieminski on North Road is now interested in putting all her land, on both sides of the road, into a conservation easement. She will be getting an appraisal of the property and contacting Chairman Fowler at a later date.

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

E.Fowler reviewed the estimates received from Bear-Paw, Rockingham County Conservation District, and Rockingham Land Trust for the easement to be placed on the Girard property. Bear-Paw had an estimate of \$3700-\$4,475, Rockingham Land Trust \$4,165, and Rockingham County Conservation District \$8,200. Chair Fowler believes that a survey has already been completed on the property, so survey costs were removed from the bottom line price. R.Snow made a **motion** to enter into an agreement with Bear-Paw Regional Greenways to do the administrative tasks necessary to create an easement on the recently purchased 82 acre town land, **seconded** for discussion by T.Giffen who amended the motion to state not to exceed the amount of \$4,165 not including survey costs which will be taken care of by the CCC if necessary. The amended motion was seconded by D.Lewis. A vote was taken on the motion as amended with 8 yes votes and 2 abstentions. The amended motion was approved.

E.Fowler reported that the North Road Forest Management project is close to being complete. An intent-to-cut will come before the Board of Selectmen for the Flint Road property which Charley Moreno would like to start marking soon. Secretary Higgins-Currie will send letters to the abutters to notify them of the project. The sign from the North Road property will be moved to the Flint Road site and R.Snow will speak to Frank Sarra about another sign for the North Road site.

J.Lindsey spoke with Allan Chamberlain who is interested in speaking with the commission about two parcels of land on Depot Road, totaling 65 acres, owned by his mother. J.Lindsey invited him to the next meeting.

E.Kruse reported that Bear-Paw will be holding a new member event on August 12<sup>th</sup> on Harmony Anderson's property in Strafford.

R.Snow reported that the Lamprey River Water Shed Association meeting was held in Nottingham in July, and he is now a member. He suggested that the CCC do an annual donation to the association.

The meeting adjourned at 9:08pm. The next regular monthly meeting will be on Tuesday, **August 15, 2006** commencing at 7:00pm in the Town Office Building, 74 High Street, Candia.

Respectfully Submitted By:  
Dawn Anne Higgins-Currie  
Conservation Commission Secretary