

# Candia Conservation Commission

## APPROVED

Meeting Minutes-15 August 2006

**Present:** Chairman Ed Fowler, Vice-Chair E.Kruse, Selectmen's Representative T.Giffen, and members D.Lewis, R.Snow, D.Weeks, and E.Davidson.

The regular monthly meeting was called to order at 7:03pm by Chairman Ed Fowler.

R.Snow **moved** to accept the minutes of July 18, 2006 as amended. E.Kruse **seconded the motion, all were in favor, motion carried.** The following amendments were made:

- Page 1 Add D.Weeks as a present member.
- Page 1, paragraph 5, line 6, change "sits" to "sit".
- Page 2, paragraph 4, line 9, change "\$4,475" to "\$4,165".

E.Fowler stated that there were two site specific applications filed with DES. The first was from Liquid Planet, a proposed water park off Route 27, and the second from Danais Realty, proposed Candia Woods Industrial Park off Exit 3. The total affected area for Liquid Planet is 504,000 square feet and 572,000 square feet for Danais Realty. The commission had no wetlands issues with these applications but wanted to state that they were concerned with the buffer along the river where the proposed water park will be located. R.Snow suggested that trees be planted in the buffer zone to protect the river by stabilizing the surface where the parking lot is going to be a permeable surface. Trees would also help control the dust as well as make the area more attractive. E.Fowler asked that R.Snow prepare a letter to submit to the applicant. A permit by notification was also submitted to DES by Road Agent Dennis Lewis for replacing a culvert on South Road.

E.Kruse had a concern in regards to the recent Hyers subdivision lots on New Boston Road. She stated that the builder possibly had not adhered to the wetlands application that was applied for. The commission questioned who enforces these applications? E.Fowler asked Building Inspector/Code Compliance Officer Bill Hallock to come into the meeting to answer some questions in regards to this concern. Mr. Hallock stated that he would check each of the wetlands permits to see if they were being followed. The commission thanked Mr.Hallock for his help.

R.Snow reported that 15% of the budget had been spent to date. A check in the amount of \$1739.22 had been received and put into the forest fund. The proposed 2007 budget was discussed and will be on the agenda to finalize at the September meeting.

E.Fowler reported that Mrs. Sieminski on North Road will have her property appraised for the developmental rights by Joe Freneau. The cooperative agreement for the Sanborn

property has been signed and a survey and yellow book appraisal will soon be completed. A 7-acre parcel will be held out for 2 future house lots.

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

D.Lewis asked what the commission could do to help get prime wetlands designated and how far we were from obtaining a usable inventory. E.Kruse stated that she would speak to Mark West, a wetlands scientist, to see if information compiled by UNH students in the past could be helpful, and what specifically the commission could ask for from these students. R.Snow stated that he would contact Paul Johnson at UNH about the student project.

E.Fowler contacted Dan at Bear-Paw in regards to creating a conservation easement for the Girard property for a cost not to exceed \$4,165. The Bear-Paw Board approved the request and stated that there was a possible \$1000-\$2000 available in grant money as well. The commission agreed to proceed with Bear-Paw as they were the least expensive and Candia is part of the Bear-Paw Regional Greenways area. On October 8<sup>th</sup> from 2-4pm a walk of the Girard property will take place.

E.Kruse announced that Congress had approved a 50%-100% tax deduction over 15 years for land put into an easement. This is a two year opportunity going retroactive back to January 1, 2006. There will be a workshop on November 1<sup>st</sup> in Strafford outlining the steps to developing a conservation easement. The next meeting will be held September 18<sup>th</sup>.

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 to be included in the budget.

The commission felt that there has been some hostility from residents about the sign that has been placed on the Girard property. They agreed to have a new sign placed on the property in the near future.

The meeting adjourned at 9:09pm. The next regular monthly meeting will be on Tuesday, **September 19, 2006** commencing at 7:00pm in the Town Office Building, 74 High Street, Candia.

Respectfully Submitted By:  
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Conservation Commission Secretary