

Candia Conservation Commission
APPROVED
Meeting Minutes- September 20 2006

Present: Chairman Ed Fowler, members T. Giffen, D. Lewis, J. Miele, E. Davidson, R. Snow, D. Levesque, and guest Charlene Harris plus Kevin Dumont, Tyler Libby, and Ian Trefry of Liquid Planet.

The regular monthly meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM by Chair Ed Fowler.

Kevin Dumont and Tyler Libby of Liquid Planet and Ian Trefry of NHSC Environmental presented their plans to the commission. Nine wetlands impact areas were noted, 85% of which were related to grading and site access. Total wetlands impacts shown were 24,117 square feet. It was noted that DES requires a mitigation ratio of 10:1, requiring a minimum mitigation of 5.53 acres. The plans presented called for mitigation of 7.21 acres, to conform to anticipated DES rule changes. The presenters also indicated that they may wish to place an area under conservation easement or deed restriction. Chair Ed Fowler commented on the difficulty of finding a willing easement holder for such a small tract. R. Snow commented that long range, perhaps something could be worked out. Mr. Trefry indicated that alternatives would include in-lieu fees or off-site mitigation. It was also noted that there are structures existing within the riparian protection buffer. Mr. Trefry then raised the subject of landscaping options for the parking area, including the use of Liberty elms and arbor vitae. Chair Fowler and D. Lewis pointed disadvantages of arbor vitae. Merits of pine and spruce were then discussed. Concerns over dust control were raised during a discussion of road and driveway design. The presenters wish to retain a rural feel at the site and therefore wish all driveways and parking areas to be unpaved. Speed control on site was also discussed. The presenters then raised the subject of employment opportunities for area youth, with Kevin Dumont stating that over 100 people would be employed. The commission then discussed the status of the dredge and fill application with the presenters. Representatives of Liquid Planet completed their presentation at 7:24 PM.

Previous minutes were reviewed and **motion was made** by Chair Ed Fowler to accept them as written, **seconded** by T. Giffen, **all in favor, motion carried.**

Wetlands permit applications were discussed, including the dredge and fill application for the site of the proposed transfer station. D. Lewis discussed the characteristics of the wetlands, and noted that the proposed impact would be small. It was also noted that the slope on site would be of concern. Merits of the lot were discussed, as well as the effects on abutters property. The DOT wetlands permit for repair of the damaged slope near Exit 3 was discussed, noting in particular the quick approval. It was also noted that the Planning Board was scheduled to review site plans for the proposed Danais development off Exit 3 on September 20.

Chairman Fowler reviewed correspondence. A letter was received from UNH regarding the benefits of small scale local agriculture. A letter was received from Building Inspector Bill Hallock regarding conformance of a driveway at the lot described as map 406 lot 93-2, noting that conditions of the dredge and fill permit seemed to have been met. The commission discussed the dredge and fill permit for the adjacent lot, and recommended that Bill Hallock review those conditions for compliance as well. Chair Ed Fowler then read a letter received from the Carbon Coalition requesting help for a proposed resolution regarding global warming. It was decided that commission support would be inappropriate due to the political nature of the request. The commission had received an email from Dawn Chabot regarding health status of Alternate Paul Lamie. It was decided to send a card, and guest Charlene Harris volunteered to handle doing so.

The CCC budget was discussed. R. Snow noted the Conservation Fund currently holds \$292,266, and was scheduled to be augmented by \$315,000 by end of year as voted at Town Meeting. R. Snow reported that 82% of the annual budget remained unexpended. Details of the proposed 2007 budget were discussed. The possibility of encumbering funds from the 2006 budget to cover the 2006/2007 UNH student project was discussed. The Open Space newsletter budget was also discussed. It was decided that a 2007 budget of

\$2,900.00 should be presented, representing no increase over 2006. Submission deadline and presentation were also discussed.

Removal of the sign on the Town Forest property on Deerfield was discussed. D. Lewis stated he could have it down the weekend of 9/23. The commission also considered the merits of various proposed names for the tract. T. Giffen suggested the possibility of naming the various Town Forest properties for the roads they were on, and all agreed that had merit.

J. Miele reported that the website had been updated with a new front page article on bats. He also presented ideas about using the website to allow reporting of wildlife sightings, as well as tracking invasive species and recording rare animal sightings.

R. Snow reported that he is now a director of the Lamprey River Watershed Association. Mr. Snow also reported on LRWA activity at Nottingham Old Home Day.

Chair Ed Fowler noted nothing new to report relative to conservation land/easement acquisition status. Further discussion took place of the proposed Liquid Planet easement or deed restrictions. Future policy on easements was discussed. Chairman Fowler reviewed correspondence from Bear Paw regarding the proposed easement on the Deerfield Rd. property. The possibility of establishing a fund to cover easement monitoring was also discussed.

Chair Fowler noted nothing new to report on Bear Paw status, forest management, or commission properties access planning and requests..

J. Miele reported on Open Space plans for the walk scheduled for October 8.

Plans for Old Home Day were discussed, including booth staffing. J. Miele and J. Collette agreed to set up the booth.

The meeting adjourned at 8:53 PM. The next regular monthly meeting will be **October 17, 2006** at the Town Hall.

Minutes respectfully submitted by T. Giffen.