

Candia Conservation Commission  
APPROVED  
Meeting Minutes - November 21, 2006

Present: Chairman Ed Fowler, members B. Kruse, S. Carrigan, T. Giffen, D. Lewis, D. Levesque, J. Lindsey, R. Snow, E. Davidson, R. Weeks, C. Harris and guests Amanda Soares, Kevin Dumont and Tyler Libby from Liquid Planet and Ian Trefry from NH Soils.

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

Wetland Permit Applications were discussed: Liquid Planet provided the Commission with updated maps and plans. Chair Ed Fowler expressed concern regarding the impact on the North Branch of the Lamprey River 150 ft. setback. The plans indicate that there would be no infringement. Much of the impacted wetlands would be on man-made wetlands. Other wetlands are of minimal impact. Betsy Kruse asked if DES would be involved with testing the quality of the water. Ian Trefry confirmed that DES will test the water before it has been released. Kevin Dumont confirmed that the water from the pools will be drained slowly releasing over a 6-8 week period. Ian Trefry said the water will be recharged biologically due to organic matter it is exposed to. Chair Ed Fowler discussed the proposed conservation easement (7.21 acres). Liquid Planet included with their application draft conservation easement language, suggesting we may wish to provide some conservation easement language of our own. It was confirmed that the Dredge and Fill approval will be contingent on finding an easement holder. Chair Ed Fowler noted that there will be a vote of the commission as to whether the town of Candia should hold the easement and provide the stewardship. Chair Ed Fowler encouraged Liquid Planet to allow natural growth instead of a lawn behind the shed area in question. A motion was made by Chair Ed Fowler to agree in principal that the town of Candia will hold the easement pending further defining conservation easement language, subject to negotiations. Motion seconded by Tom Giffen. Motion carried.

Copies of the previous meeting minutes were distributed. It was noted by Betsy Kruse, that on page two, paragraph four, regarding the Bear Paw Status report, the Conservation Easement Workshop was held in Strafford, not Stratford. A motion was made to accept amended minutes by Betsy Kruse, Tom Giffen seconded. Motion carried.

Judy Lindsey reported for the Land Use, Wetlands, Enforcement Issues that the Liquid Planet submission of their site plan will be on December 20.

Correspondence was discussed. Chair Ed Fowler read mail from the Lamprey River Watershed Association, noting that they would like to increase awareness by being included on the Town of Candia's website as a link. The Watershed's website is [www.lrwa-nh.org](http://www.lrwa-nh.org). For the year 2007, they also suggest that each town budget membership dues at the rate of \$100. Dick Snow confirmed that it was in the budget for membership renewal for 2007. Also, correspondence from the Community Technical Assistance Program is planning a conference for, Saturday, December 2 from 8:00 am to 3:45 pm. at the Radisson Hotel, Manchester, NH. Noting that it was free for CTAP representatives, Amanda Soares our guest indicated interest in attending. A motion was made by Betsy Kruse to recommend both Amanda Soares and Susan Wilderman to the Selectmen as alternate members of the commission, which was seconded by Judith Lindsey. Motion carried.

Susan Wilderman forwarded information and provided a link (<http://newton.nap.edu/books/0309067774/html/427.html>) regarding the Shoreline

Protection Act. She noted the material might help the commission develop better buffer zones.

Three invoices were discussed: New Hampshire Assoc. of Conservation Commission for \$225 membership dues, The Lamprey River Watershed for \$100, and the Bear-Paw renewal membership for \$100. Judith Lindsey moved that we approve payment of all three, seconded by Betsy Kruse. Motion carried.

The Budget Update was discussed with 2006 expenditures YTD made available. Dick Snow noted that any item noted in red is an item that is an anticipated expenditure. Dick Snow noted that out of the \$ 2,900 budget, \$2,144.43 will have been spent, leaving a balance of \$755.57. Out of the \$ 755.57, \$500.00 was for an anticipated project. The \$ 500 will be moved into the Conservation Fund. Betsy Kruse suggested we use that money to print the newsletter. It was suggested by Dennis Lewis that we make sure there is a project for this amount. Tom Giffen questioned whether there were any other institutions, other than UNH that may have an environmental program that would benefit by getting practical experience from the town of Candia. Chair Ed Fowler questioned the Clerical Support numbers. Dick Snow indicated that \$399.02 is the amount YTD but not properly allocated. Some of that amount is for postage. He noted that clerical support was higher than budgeted.

Chair Ed Fowler received two copies of checks that have been transferred into the Conservation Fund. One dated Oct. 30, in the amount of \$ 3,742.62 and the other dated Nov. 13, in the amount of \$ 18,000. Property name not noted, only tax invoice number.

Chair Ed Fowler reported for Joe Miele on the Conservation Commission Website. Joe Miele is in the process of creating a design where residents can add wildlife sightings onto the CCC website.

In regards to the the Lamprey River Watershed, Dick Snow indicated that there was a Board of Directors meeting which included a presentation from Steve Coucher from the River Management Program.

Ed Fowler reported on the Conservation land/easement acquisition status. He noted that the Sanborn land is being surveyed. Also, the deed that was found by Tom Giffen was forwarded to Bear-Paw has adequate boundary terminology, so plans can go ahead with the conservation easement without getting the Deerfield Road town property re-surveyed. Bear-Paw is not requiring a new survey. It was also noted that Ron Severino will put a conservation easement on some of his land on Thresher Road. He was hoping that Bear-Paw could move quickly on getting easement language over to him.

Betsy Kruse reported on the Bear-Paw Status Report. She noted a very small map of the entire state indicating the most important areas in which Fish & Game want to protect. Fish & Game is planning on visiting the Candia Conservation Commission to discuss a wildlife action plan in the near future.

Chair Ed Fowler had nothing to report on the Forest Management Activities.

Chair Ed Fowler had nothing to report on Commission Properties Access Planning and Requests.

Judith Lindsey reported on the Open Space Subcommittee. The newsletter will be ready to be placed in the Boy Scout packet.

Management Plans were discussed for the Girard Property. The property was recently logged. Chair Ed Fowler to speak to Charlie Moreno about this property.

New Business: Betsy Kruse discussed the riparian Study Group. They are working on a zoning ordinance, which will be presented to both Deerfield and Candia hoping that the towns will enact zoning ordinances around riparian buffers. There will need to be a public hearing and it will be presented to the Planning Board. Also, CTAP will be offering programs as part of the I-93 widening. CTAP is offering 50 hours of free grant writing as well as grant money. She suggested getting a grant written for Mark West. There is also grant money from Moose Plate grant money.

In Other Business, Chair Ed Fowler suggested we generate our own easement language and suggested using the Bear-Paw template in regards to the Liquid Planet easement. Betsy Kruse raised a question regarding the monitoring of property in which the town holds easements. It was suggested that we might consider contracting the stewardship and have a stewardship fund. Other discussion suggested that the Conservation Commission be part of the monitoring of these properties.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m. The next regular meeting will be December 12, 2006, in the meeting room at the Library at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by C. Harris.