

Candia Conservation Commission

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Meeting Minutes - December 12, 2006

Present: Vice Chair, Elizabeth Kruse, E. Davidson, J. Miele, R. Weeks, J. Lindsey, R. Snow, D. Levesque, A. Soares, and C. Harris.

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Vice Chair, Elizabeth Kruse.

Copies of previous meeting minutes were distributed. Joe Miele noted that attendees from the November meeting were omitted. Also, it was noted that on page two, regarding the CCC Website, Joe Miele is in the process of “creating” not create a design as well as **correcting** the website as the CCC website not the town website. Also, on page one, paragraph four, the Liquid Planet site plan is December 20th, not the 6th. A motion was made to accept the minutes as amended by J. Lindsey and seconded by J. Miele.

There was nothing to report on the Wetlands Permit Applications.

Judi Lindsey reported for the Land Use, Wetlands, Enforcement Issues, noting that there was nothing new to report except for Liquid Planet on December 20. Elizabeth Kruse asked whether DES would not issue a wetlands permit unless there is a conservation easement in place and commented that no negotiations have been done, yet. Dick Snow confirmed that in our prior meeting we ‘voted in principal to hold the conservation easement’ satisfying DES requirements.

There was no correspondence to review.

Budget Update was distributed. Joe Miele noted that the CCC newsletter will be printed for free and postage would not be necessary due to the newsletter being distributed in the Boy Scout packet. The COSC flyer for the January 31 workshop will also be printed for free. The only cost incurred will be for the postage. Ellie Davidson suggested purchasing the postage prior to the close of the year. The money could come from Open Space on the budget. There were no outstanding invoices to report.

Joe Miele is developing a simple web form for wildlife sightings. Joe noted a concern for publishing the location of endangered species spotted in the town. One suggestion was to have two separate data bases, a public list of the species that have been sighted along with pictures of each and another that we don’t publicize showing road crossings. The latter will help us determine which undeveloped road frontage is most critical for protection. Other suggestions included dividing the town into zones on which to report and having a sightings only list.

Dick Snow noted that the Lamprey River Watershed Association is in the process of establishing a schedule for 2007.

For the Conservation land/easement acquisition status, Dick Snow noted that there is some survey activity of the Davis property, otherwise there was nothing new to report.

Bear Paw’s annual meeting will be held February 10th at Coe-Brown Academy in Northwood at 9:00. Elizabeth Kruse noted that Dan Kern from Bear Paw is expected to come to the CCC January meeting. He will have a draft easement prepared for the Deerfield Road property that can be discussed.

There was nothing new to report on Forest Management Activities. Judy Lindsey will look into the completion of the sign for the Deerfield Road Town Forest property.

Judi Lindsey reported on the Open Space Subcommittee. Both the newsletter and flier are being worked on as well as a special invitation to attend a discussion on January 31, at the town library, on conservation easement and the tax benefits. Bear Paw will be presenting the information that evening.

Regarding Management Plans for Town Lands, Dick Snow suggests that the CCC needs to prioritize the management of the properties that are under CCC control.

Under New Business, Dick Snow briefly presented information on Agricultural Commissions, noting that it could be a voice equivalent to the voice of conservation. Also, under New Business, Elizabeth Kruse discussed the prime wetlands proposal submitted by Mark West, noting that the CCC is currently not in a position to make a decision. She noted that CTAP and other grant funding organizations have grant money available as well as grant writing available under CTAP. She suggests that once we get the information from Southern NH Planning Commission, that we consider making an application to fund the wetlands proposal. If there are any questions regarding the proposal, she suggests asking Mr. West to attend a meeting. Elizabeth Kruse requested adding West Environmental to the agenda for January. Also, under New Business, Elizabeth Kruse referred the planning board authorized a riparian buffer study being conducted in concert with the town of Deerfield. It will recommend an ordinance for both planning boards to adopt.

Amanda Soares reported on the CTAP workshop. She presented us with information on the I93 project as well as program booklets, handouts and a website for more information; RebuildingI93.com.

There was no other business to report.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM. The next regular meeting will be January 16 at the Town Hall.

Minutes respectfully submitted by C. Harris.