

Candia Conservation Commission  
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Meeting Minutes - April 17, 2007

Present: Ed Fowler, J. Lindsey, J. Miele, S. Wilderman, R. Weeks, E. Kruse, T. Giffen, R. Snow, E. Davidson and guests George DeWolf and Ruth Fowler.

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m.

Judi Lindsey gave a presentation of her whale watch. Her full presentation will be held on May 12 at 7:00 at the Smith Public Library.

Susan Wilderman presented the commission with her alternate appointment form. It was also noted that Amanda Soares will be resigning from the Conservation Commission as an alternate.

The previous meeting minutes were reviewed. Ellie Davidson noted that she was present on the March 20 meeting and her name was omitted. Also, the fourth paragraph, fifth sentence should read: E. Kruse questioned whether any stipulations can be placed on this project. Also, the sixth sentence, same paragraph should read: J. Lindsey will discuss with the planning board whether wording should be in place for future development. Also, the fifth paragraph, tenth sentence should read: A motion was made by E. Kruse and seconded by J. Lindsey, motion carried. Further down in the same paragraph Conservation Commission Institute should be capitalized. Also, paragraph six should read: The Conservation Fund as of February 5. Also paragraph nine, ninth sentence should read: He noted that the easement boundaries will be marked. In the same paragraph, towards the end of the tenth sentence should read: which he would like to keep. Paragraph ten, second sentence should read: He noted that the Pearson's daughter. Paragraph eleven, first sentence correct spelling of Sieminski. Same paragraph, second sentence should read: E. Kruse noted that she should be reminded that there is a major tax incentive which could run out at the end of 2007. Paragraph twelve, correct spelling of Weber.

For Wetland Permit Applications, Ed Fowler read a letter from DES. This letter noted that the Water Division Land Resources Management Program had received an application from the Town of Candia for an alteration of terrain permit for the transfer station in Candia. T. Giffen noted that the plans for the site will more than likely be revised.

Under Land Use/Wetlands/Enforcement Issues/Planning Board, J. Lindsey noted that the last planning board was cancelled due to the weather. The next meeting will be held on April 18, regarding the Crowley Road phase two project. E. Kruse asked whether Southern NH Planning has given any input to date. Per Ed Southern NH has sent a letter to the Candia Planning Board regarding the importance of this property being one of regional impact. He also noted that 'Andrea' has notified Raymond, Chester. Ed Fowler will attend the Planning Board meeting and state how important this area is as a focus area for the coastal watershed. Ed noted the town Chester has a strict zoning ordinance, which is the reason they are looking for a second entrance in Candia. Ed will suggest that an environmental impact assessment should be done so that people know what type of impact these homes will have on the area.

Correspondence was read. Ed Fowler noted copies of the most recent Bear Paw Regional newsletter. Also available was a Southern NH Planning Commission

Visions brochure. E. Kruse also presented a memorandum from Southern NH Planning Commission of the Regional Comprehensive Plan. She noted that a major part of this plan is natural resources as are agricultural sustainability. Copies of the entire plan can also be obtained from their website at: snhpc.org.

Budget Update Approval of outstanding payments/invoice. R. Snow questioned the status of our default budget. Per T. Giffen the Board of Selectmen discussed the default budget, they are working with the budget that the committee recommended.

2007 Budget, Ed noted that five members went to the Saving Special Places conference that were prepaid. Ed also made note that signage needs to be placed on North Road and Deerfield Road properties. R. Snow will put together a standard sign and present the example.

Conservation Commission Website - Joe Miele noted that within the last month there were two listings made to the website. E. Kruse questioned whether we are posting in the newspaper before each meeting under Calendar of Events; the posting can mention the website and report sightings. J. Lindsey will research this. Per E. Kruse, noted that J. Miele is funding the website with out of pocket expense. The cost is approximately \$11.00 a month for the web hosting \$ 121.00 annually. J. Miele to get receipts and submit to the commission. A motion was made & seconded & unanimously approved to reimburse J.Miele.

On the Lamprey River Watershed Association, Ed Fowler noted that Dawn Genes was unable to attend our meeting. R. Snow understands that the reason Ms. Genes was coming to our meeting was that the Lamprey River Watershed Association has received a grant regarding the posting of signs in various towns stating the entrance to Shoreland Protection Area. Also, the Lamprey River Association is attempting to expand its outreach to various towns. D. Snow believes they are looking for our concurrence to help them put their signs up and they are looking for volunteers to help with the study.

Conservation Land/Easement Acquisition Status. Ed referred to the Pearson property. He made contact with Mike Speltz from the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests. Mr. Speltz questioned whether the Candia Conservation Commission would be interested in assisting with this property. Mr. Speltz drafted a letter and presented the commission with transaction costs. E. Fowler noted there was no cost under survey. Title research, legal fees, staff, stewardship for a total of \$12,600. The letter also noted that he believes this property is valued at over one million dollars. It was noted by E. Fowler that the Pearsons will have to pay for an appraisal and cannot be reimbursed for it. Ed will find out whether or not a survey will be needed. There was some discussion regarding possible ways (matching funds, contributions by surrounding residence). In order to respond to the letter, a motion was made by Dick Snow to commit to a "not to exceed" \$ 20,000 for the costs associated with the placing of a conservation easement for the 109 acres on the Pearson property. Seconded by Tom Giffen. All in favor. Motion carried. Regarding the Liquid Planet property Ed Fowler is waiting for the easement language and will bring to the next meeting. Also, it was noted that the Fowlers have decided to put 63 acres into conservation easement on Palmer Road. Bear Paw will hold the easement.

Regarding Bear Paw status report, E. Kruse mentioned upcoming walks all listed in the Bear Paw newsletter. She noted a land conservation workshop in Epsom on April 30. She also noted the Suncook River walk on August 22, from 6-8:30. She asked the commission if they are interested in co-hosting a winter event in

Candia, noting that we would have time to think about it. Ed Fowler suggested a snow-shoe nature walk.

Under Forest Management Activities, Ed Fowler reported that Charlie Moreno has filed an intent to cut on the Flint Road property and plans to begin very soon. Ed noted that that the North Road property has been completed.

There was no activity under Commission Properties Access Planning and Requests.

Open Space subcommittee will reschedule their meeting due to inclement weather. George DeWolf received the proofs for the recognition plaque. He noted that the estimate was twice as much as what was communicated. Also, he suggested that it might be helpful to have a "Friends of Candia Conservation Committee" organization. This would be a network of people who are concerned about our mission, but don't have time to attend meetings. T. Giffen suggested reaching people through a general mailing. R. Snow noted that the commission needs to maintain a space between a Friends Group and the Conservation Commission/Open Space Committee.

Under Management Plans for Town Lands, E. Fowler noted that we have a number of properties that are under management responsibility of the Conservation Commission that we need to make assignments for. E. Fowler asked to have this placed on the next agenda.

Conservation Easement - Deerfield Town Property we need to discuss the language and host a public hearing.

Under New Business Joe Miele noted that the Coverts Program is accepting application for next year. Also, Tom Giffen noted that Rick Lazott has expressed a strong interest in what the commission does and possibly coming on board with us. E. Kruse asked what the status is on the 'all town board meeting'. Per Tom, there is a possibility this may happen. Also, reappointments for E. Kruse and J. Lindsey are to held on Monday evening.

A Motion to adjourn was made by T. Giffen and seconded by J. Lindsey. The regular meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Charlene Harris.