

Candia Conservation Commission
Approved
Meeting Minutes, June 19, 2007

Present: Chair Ed Fowler, E. Davidson, D. Levesque, J. Miele, J. Lindsey, D. Snow, G. DeWolf, E. Kruse, D. Lewis, R. Weeks and guests Kerry Kirkland and Chris Mozina from stopraymondquarry.com. and Tom DiMaggio, Dan and Greg Lewis and Bill Hallock, Candia Building Inspector.

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed with the following changes: Add D. Lewis to the names of those in attendance. Paragraph three, sentence three, delete the comma after the word pilot. Paragraph five, fourth sentence, add the words "on Palmer Road" to the end of the sentence. Change spelling of Dan Kerns to Dan Kern, throughout the minutes. Change spelling of Kinnecum in paragraph six to Kinnicum. Paragraph seven, second sentence, change spelling of guaranty to guarantee. Tenth paragraph, eleventh sentence should read "if this development." Fifteenth paragraph, change spelling of Berry to Barry. A motion was made by E. Kruse to accept the amended minutes and seconded by J. Lindsey. Motion carried. Guest Greg Lewis approached the commission and would like to work on rebuilding the footbridge on the New Boston Road property for his Eagle Scout badge. The footbridge was washed out during a recent storm. Dick Snow moved that the conservation commission support the concept of Mr. Lewis to rebuild this bridge. Seconded by E. Kruse. Motion passed. Mr. Lewis will also look at the Deerfield Road Town Forest property to see about building a bridge. He will return next month with a plan for the commission to review.

Under Wetlands Permit Applications, Dennis Lewis is having Stan Tech process a wetlands permit for a minimum impact expedited permit for a box culvert for South Road. Also, an application for Wetland Permits was received for the High Street project (Candia Crossing). The area impacted consists of 3 wetland crossings. The proposal is for 41, 2-bedroom units. Per Ed Fowler, our concern is primarily for the wetland crossings. He noted that the developers have shown concern for the wetland crossings. Tom DiMaggio is an abutter on North Road. He noted that there is a seasonal brook that is still running, feeding into the Lamprey. He is concerned that disturbing the area might affect his dug well. He noted that half of the hillside is all ledge. D. Lewis noted that the plans do not indicate drainage for all the roads, citing that 800 feet of the road will drain through the 3 culverts. E. Kruse feels there is not enough information on the drawings to explain whether wetlands will be impacted. Mr. DiMaggio noted that disturbing the hill will disturb the whole water table. Per Ed Fowler, this is a minor impact area. Mr. DiMaggio noted that the property was logged 40 years ago and that there is still standing water. Per D. Snow, we should make a statement in the form of a letter that we have real concerns, poorly drained soils, steep slopes and disturbance of soils noting that the information is not sufficient. It would give us an ability to give input to DES. Charlene to type up a letter to DES with statement on letterhead for E. Fowler to review and mail.

Ed Fowler introduced Kerry Kirkland and Chris Mozina. Chris Mozina spoke regarding the quarry site off of Route 27. Thibeault Corporation is planning on expanding its operations and will begin quarrying, producing about a 50 acre quarry, under a 40 year proposal. He also noted that 150 dump trucks per day will be doing round trips, which will travel through Candia to exit 3. He also noted there is a small one-lane bridge that goes on their site across the Lamprey River. He noted that there will be rock processing on the site as well, throughout the day. D. Lewis mentioned that the Raymond Planning Board should notify the Candia Planning Board of the regional impact. Mr. Mozina raised issues of concern such as safety as well as the environmental impact. He noted Thibeault's background making note of several violations. E. Kruse suggested that the Raymond Planning Board should consider notifying Southern NH Planning Commission of the DRI. Ed Fowler noted that the Lamprey River, downstream from the site, is designated as a Federal Wild and Scenic River and is being threatened. D. Lewis noted that in order to blast, there is a significant amount of water usage necessary, mentioning there would need to be a draw off of the Lamprey River. J. Lindsey made the suggestion to Mr. Mozina to consider having a grass-roots campaign by sending letters to the editor of local newspapers. The process will begin on July 5 with the Planning Board at Raymond High School at 7:00 p.m. Plans are available online at www.stoptheraymondquarry.com.

Ed Fowler received a letter from Bill Hallock, Candia Building Inspector regarding property on Crowley Road, map 152-11. He examined it and found a wet area located 35-40 feet from the right rear corner of an existing foundation. Per Bill, he went to the site and met with the foreman on the job as well as with a wetland scientist. He noted that this is seasonal water and does not meet the qualifications for jurisdictional wetlands and the wetland vegetation was not there either. Ed also noted another

letter from Mr. Hallock for the proposed Candia Crossing activity. A form copied from the internet from the U.S. EPA/National Pollutant Discharge Elimination Systems requires operators of construction sites with 1-acre or larger to obtain authorization to discharge storm water under a special permit. It also recommends a storm water pollution prevention plan be developed for any person doing construction. Per Bill, he noted that he is telling people with construction sites with more than one acre that they have a storm water plan. The EPA is looking to control this by either erosion control or sediment control. This plan is created for any site over 50,000 square feet. Bill Hallock noted that there would be fines for people who do not comply.

There was nothing to report on Land Use/Wetlands/Enforcement.

Under Correspondence, there is a Conservation Commission Institute meeting to be held June 21, from 7:00-9:00 in Manchester, NH. Items discussed will be Conservation Commission Priorities, Open Space Planning and GRANIT - Data Mapper. Also, Laurie Summer from the DES Wetlands Bureau sent a letter to Amanda Soares regarding mitigation for the Exit 3 mitigation Danais property. She noted the details for applying for the watershed fund and mentioned that Candia straddles two HUC8 watersheds. She also noted that Candia can apply for two watershed accounts. Also under Correspondence, there is free technical assistance from the NH Estuaries Project. They are providing match-free grant money. This comes with a September deadline. E. Kruse noted that wetlands applications require a match. Ed Fowler noted he filled out the NH Statewide Outdoor Recreation Plan as discussed in the prior meeting.

Under Budget Update Approval of outstanding payment/invoices, R. Snow noted that we reimbursed J. Miele for a little under \$300 and now the administration budget is around \$200.

Under Conservation Commission Website, J. Miele said that a number of black bear sightings have been reported on the website. Also, J. Miele reminded the committee that meeting minutes and agendas will be posted on the site. He said the Board of Selectmen voiced concern regarding the amount of time it takes to approve minutes. He mentioned that they would like to post unapproved minutes so that minutes can get out quickly. The Conservation Commission agreed to post unapproved minutes on the website within 144 hours, to be replaced with the approved minutes.

Lamprey River Watershed Association, R. Snow noted that there seems to be increased interest. E. Kruse noted that she, Joe and George tested the water quality of the Lamprey River.

Conservation Land/Easement Acquisition Status, Per Ed, he spoke with Bob Gerseny from Citizens Bank. They met and discussed the Sander property. He noted the daughters are inclined to move forward on putting a conservation easement on some of the land. One of the proposals suggested was to put three houses on Healey Road and have access to the back land and put that into the conservation easement. Mr. Gerseny mentioned that if the conservation commission could find a buyer for the entire property it would be a better alternative. He noted that the trust department would like to get some funds for the daughters. Ed Fowler noted that Mr. Gerseny will be contacting an appraiser. At this point, the commission knows nothing of the property's value.

Per Ed, regarding the Pearson's property, he has not heard anything from the Society for the Protection of NH Forests. D. Snow noted that he would be interested in contacting abutters for a matching donation by letter.

Bear-Paw Status Report. E. Kruse noted that this weekend is the Biothon as well as a conservation property walk, which is a fundraising effort. The Biothon is an assessment of all species for baseline documentation of species. Also, there will be a walk, Return to the Suncook River, on August 22, led by Eric Orff. Also, E. Kruse mentioned that the commission will need to discuss the walk we are co-hosting with Bear-Paw in January in the near future.

Forest Management Activities, Ed contacted Charlie Moreno on the Flint Road property. He has already marked the trees and will contact Dennis regarding the landing.

Nothing to report on Commission Properties Access Planning and Requests.

Under Open Space, per J. Lindsey, the group met last evening and discussed having a table at Candia Old Home Day. Other items discussed were the recognition plaque and the Open Space pamphlet for Old Home Day. Per J. Miele, Open Space will

need permission from the Board of Selectmen to display a new plaque. D. Lewis suggested putting the plaque on the Board of Selectmen's agenda. G. DeWolf had a sample of the plaque which he passed around to view.

Per Ed, on June 25, Liquid Planet will be on the agenda at the Selectmen's meeting to discuss the easement language.

Also, G. DeWolf would like to talk about CFORCE in the future.

Under Management Plans for Town Lands, assignments were made to commission members on sixteen properties. Properties will need to be walked and monitored for potential violations. Ed Fowler requested that these properties be assessed within the next six months.

Conservation Easement Deerfield Town Property. Per Ed Fowler, we need to be in agreement with the language before we can have a town meeting. D. Lewis suggested we place this first on next month's agenda.

Under Other Business, plans for Old Home Day were discussed. E. Kruse noted that Amanda Soares has access to a computer and will have our website up. Ed Fowler suggested that we have maps available for people to look through. E. Kruse will have easement information available. J. Miele asked whether we should have a watershed display. E. Kruse noted that Bear-Paw would also like to have a booth at Old Home Day.

Also, Ed Fowler showed the commission a map on impervious surface and conservation areas in Candia for members to review.

A motion was made by Dick Snow to adjourn the meeting and seconded by J. Lindsey at 9:30 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Charlene Harris.