

Candia Conservation Commission

Approved

Meeting Minutes July 17, 2007

Present: Chair Ed Fowler, Elizabeth Kruse, Ellie Davidson, Joe Miele, Dennis Lewis, Richard Weeks, Debra Levesque, Tom Giffen, and Richard Snow with guests, George DeWolf, John Cole and Scott Komisarek from Candia Crossings, LLC, also Tom DiMaggio, Boyd and Lynn Chivers and Amanda Soares.

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.

Mr. Boyd Chivers was asked to speak first regarding his pond at Abbott Falls. Mr. Chivers noted that in 1997 he completed construction of the pond and at that time neglected the west side of the pond. Mr. Chivers would like to clear up the shoreline on the west side which would include pulling stumps and grading the area. He noted that this project qualifies as Permit by Notification from DES. Mr. Chivers noted that a permit was issued last year for an access road that needs to be finished. His plans were distributed to members to review. Ed Fowler questioned the effects on shoreline and what stabilization will be done. Per Mr. Chivers, he would put silt fencing up and plant a conservation mix. A motion was made by Elizabeth Kruse to approve his application. It was seconded by Tom Giffen. Dennis Lewis abstained from the vote. Motion carried.

John Cole from Candia Crossings was asked to speak next. Mr. Cole explained that after reading the previous month's minutes, he was concerned for he assumed his application was a standard dredge and fill concerning the wetlands crossing. Richard Snow explained to Mr. Cole that the commission questioned where the water was coming from, the amount of water and where the water was going. Mr. Cole presented the commission with plans to review. Mr. Cole noted that his designs are created to cause the least possible impact. Mr. DiMaggio spoke regarding the hill in question. His concerns were that once the digging of wells begins, the hillside would dry up. Ed Fowler noted that this discussion needs to take place at the Planning Board and Mr. DiMaggio would need to register his complaint at that time. Dennis Lewis noted that it would benefit the commission if the Town Engineer could look at Mr. Cole's plans. Per Ed Fowler, the commission will not stand in the way of the wetland permits application. Mr. Cole noted that this will be going to the Planning Board in early August.

Under Wetlands Permit Applications, Dennis Lewis noted a box culvert on South Road that fell apart. Last summer a 30 inch diameter culvert was placed. Dennis Lewis would like to place a 3' x 6' box culvert in its place, 40 ft long. Elizabeth Kruse asked what the amount of water will be passing through. Dennis Lewis noted that there would be about one inch of water. A motion was made by Tom Giffen to accept the application and seconded by Ellie Davidson. Motion carried.

Minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed noting grammatical and spelling errors. A motion was made by Richard Snow to accept the minutes as changed and seconded by Elizabeth Kruse. Motion carried.

Land Use/Wetlands/Enforcement Issues/Planning Board – Per Tom Giffen, discussion on class six roads will take place at the next Planning Board meeting. Dennis Lewis presented the town with a list of options. Also on the agenda would be Mr. Danais' bond.

Under Correspondence, Ed Fowler received a mailing from the Local Government Center that they are looking for recommendations for the municipal volunteer award, with a deadline of August 31. Also, a letter from the UNH Cooperative Extension regarding an upcoming workshop, "Granite State Woodlot and Wildlife Management" course, on September 17 in Hollis, NH. He also received an e-mail request for proposals from the NH Estuaries Project for the local grants program. Applicants may submit a project proposal for up to \$ 10,000 with a required 50% match. Amanda Soares noted that DES is working on a project where they are trying to identify prime wetlands for corridor communities. Per Ed, the commission should hold off until more information becomes available. Also, Ed presented other opportunities: (1) Friday, July 27th at Salem Town Forest, Town Forest and Wildlife Management, (2) August 9 (6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.) in Northwood, an Evening in the Field, at Northwood Meadows State Park parking lot (3) August 17, Vernal Pool Documentation (9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.) in Henniker (4) Invasive Species Field Identification, August 24 (11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.) in Portsmouth at the Society For Protection of NH Forest Creek Farm Reservation. Also, from the NH Division of Historical Resources that the former Smyth Library in Candia has been nominated to the National Register for Historic Places.

Wetlands Permit, received an approval for John Cummings on New Boston Road, Lot # 406/93 for two single family lots. Per Dennis Lewis, the driveway has been in for a year.

Budget Update, Per Richard Snow, there is \$1832.00 remaining. He noted that the budget for the secretary will have to increase. He noted that the Conservation Fund picked up \$26,702.95 with approximately \$3,000 a month in interest. The total as of the end of June is \$702,283.11. Also, Mr. Snow noted that our forest fund has almost \$ 2,300.

There was nothing new to report on the Conservation Commission Website.

Lamprey River Watershed – Per Richard Snow, he was unable to attend the meeting on Tuesday. He noted that the grant did get approved. Elizabeth Kruse noted the difficulties with the field test equipment that several members have been using.

Under Conservation Easement – Ed Fowler provided members with copies of the Deerfield Road Town Property Easement. Changes were discussed and will be under further review. Ed Fowler noted that we have to have a public hearing on this easement sometime this year and put on the warrant to get approval.

Also under Conservation Easement, Ed Fowler discussed a letter he received from Bart Mayer regarding the Liquid Planet Conservation Easement. Mr. Mayer had several questions regarding the easement. After reviewing the letter, the commission discussed the concerns. Ed Fowler will contact Mr. Mayer.

Conservation Easement Land Acquisition Status – Ed has been in communication with Carol Sieminski. The appraiser for the property met with Mrs. Sieminski and Ed Fowler. Ed Fowler noted that the contract proposal was very high. Ed suggested to Mrs. Sieminski to get another appraiser. Ed sent copies of the maps identifying the lots to a new appraiser. She will respond with a contract proposal.

Also, regarding the Sander property, Ed is having a meeting on Thursday afternoon with two trust officers from Citizens Bank, as well as Phil Auger and an appraiser. He noted that Mr. Auger is not interested in having the house lots on Healey Road. Ed noted that Dennis Lewis knew someone who might be interested in purchasing the entire property and placing it in conservation.

Ed Fowler also noted that Charlie Moreno is doing the management plan on his property and the process is coming along nicely.

Mike Speltz from the Society for the Protection of NH Forests noted that there are some legal issues regarding the trust on the Pearson property.

Bear-Paw Status Report – Elizabeth Kruse noted that the Biothon was very successful. The number of species is forthcoming. She noted 265 species on one property. On August 22, Eric Orff is leading a second walk on the Suncook River. She also mentioned that Bear-Paw will have a booth at the Candia Old Home Day.

Commission Properties Access Planning & Requests – there was nothing to report.

Open Space Subcommittee – Per Elizabeth Kruse, the committee has worked on the brochure, as well as plans for the Old Home Day booth. Needs for the booths were discussed. Also, regarding the Recognition Plaque, George DeWolf noted that the Selectmen agreed with the idea in concept and requested the plaque be limited to no larger than 18 X 24”. The Board asked for specific guidelines as to what would be included on the plaque.

Management Plans for Town Lands – There was nothing new to report.

Under New Business – Elizabeth Kruse extended her apologies to the commission for the last Selectmen’s meeting.

A motion was made to adjourn by Ed Fowler and seconded by Tom Giffen. The meeting was adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Charlene Harris.