

# **Candia Conservation Commission**

## **Approved**

### **Meeting Minutes August 21, 2007**

Present: Chair Ed Fowler, E. Kruse, T. Giffen, D. Lewis J. Miele, E. Davidson, J. Lindsey, D. Snow with guests Dan Kern and Phil Auger from Bear-Paw Regional Greenways.

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

The meeting began with questions from Ed Fowler regarding the easement language on the Deerfield Road property. The items discussed were as follows:

Section 3 Reserved Rights was one in question. Per Phil Auger reserved rights are exceptions to what is normally restricted. Mr. Kern noted that he has inserted language into the easement stating that the Grantor has the right to construct and maintain a parking area up to 4000 sq. ft. in size. D. Lewis will walk the property and meet with Mr. Auger to designate a location for this parking area on August 28.

Betsy Kruse questioned Section 3A- Personal Use Section. After much discussion it was agreed that this section would be struck from the document. It was agreed to leave sections 3B and 3C.

Mr. Auger suggested placing a statement under the Reserved Rights section allowing the opportunity to construct a kiosk. Dan Kern noted that sign construction is covered under 2E. E. Kruse suggested specifically noting a kiosk.

Section 8 – Executory Interest, will be struck from the document.

Section 13 B and 13 C, Mr. Kern proposed changes in language to reflect several concerns and will send out a revised issue.

E. Fowler noted that we will need to have a public hearing at some point, preferably early next year, as well as develop warrant article wording by September 28. Mr. Auger suggested placing the information regarding the meeting on the Conservation Commission website. Mr. Kern also suggested a mailing to townspeople indicating the importance of placing this property under this easement.

Regarding the Fowler property easement, Ed Fowler noted that it is not his desire to have a parking lot on the property. A draft survey was presented by Mr. Kern. He noted that the size of the property is 63 acres. There is also 4300' of stream traversing the property with three different streams collecting on the property. The land is identified as high quality habitat by The Fish & Game Department. There is 1200' of frontage located on Palmer Road, noting this to be one of the primary public benefits. Mr. Kern also noted that both a survey has been drafted as well as a title search on the property. Bear-Paw is also in the final steps of drafting the easement and scheduling a closing relatively soon.

Minutes from the previous meeting were read making both spelling and grammatical changes throughout the document. Minutes were moved as amended by D. Snow and seconded by E. Kruse. Motion carried.

Under Wetland Permits Application there was nothing new to report.

Under Land Use/Wetlands/Enforcements Issues/Planning Board there was nothing new to report from J. Lindsey. Per E. Kruse there will be a Zoning Committee meeting on September 5.

Under Correspondence. A letter was received from James McConaha, Director of the State Preservation Office, noting that the Smyth Public Library has been nominated to the National Register of Historic Places.

Also, a note from Dawn Chabot was sent noting that the welfare director will need the town conference room December 14 – 21. The Conservation Commission meeting will need to be relocated.

Also, Southern NH Planning Commission is holding their 41<sup>st</sup> annual meeting on September 14, 2007 in Manchester, NH.

Also from Ethan Hipple, Program Director from the Student Conservation Association - NH Conservation Corp, sent correspondence regarding opportunities to use volunteers in community and conservation services. An application was attached.

Correspondence was also received from Carolyn Emerson regarding the budget hearing/warrant articles. The Conservation Commission has until August 31, 2007 to discuss the budget and September 28, 2007 for the warrant article.

There was nothing new to report on the Website.

Lamprey River Watershed –E. Kruse completed testing on the Lamprey last week with positive results.

Under Conservation Land/Easement Acquisition Status, there are no new developments on any of the properties. E. Fowler did note that the Sander Property will be placed for sale with Parade Properties.

Under Bear-Paw Status Report, E. Kruse noted that the Old Home Day booths were busy all day. She also noted that the Suncook River Walk is being held August 22 at 6:00 p.m.

Under Forest Management Activities there was nothing new to report.

Commission Properties Access Planning and Requests, there was nothing new to report.

Open Space Subcommittee, J. Lindsey noted that the Old Home Day Booth had a lot of activity. She noted that G. DeWolf will be moving. There is no further information regarding the status of the Recognition Plaque.

Under Management Plans for Town Lands, there was a brief discussion with regards to walking the designated town properties. J. Miele will send the list as a reminder to all members.

Under the 2008 Budget, significant increases were noted in administration costs. It was discussed by several members that many of the expenses do not appear until the end of the year, such as mailings, meetings and conferences.

T. Giffen made note that the Budget Committee is looking for a more standardized form from all committees.

It was agreed to request for \$ 2,900 for the 2008 budget.

Under Other Business, Dick Snow presented the members with a sample sign for Town Properties. It was suggested to name the properties by its given name rather than number the properties. Members were asked to consider the sign and bring suggestions to the next meeting.

A motion was made to adjourn by T. Giffen and seconded by J. Lindsey. The meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Charlene Harris.