

Candia Conservation Commission

Approved

Meeting Minutes – October 16, 2007

Present: Chair Ed Fowler, D. Weeks, J. Miele, J. Lindsey, E. Davidson, D. Levesque, E. Kruse, T. Giffen, D. Snow.

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

Minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed with the following changes: paragraph four, the cost of the website should read \$ 4.95 per month and paragraph six should read Eagle Scout project. A motion to approve the minutes was made by T. Giffen and seconded by J. Lindsey.

There were no Wetland Permit Applications to review. Ed Fowler noted that the Hepfinger application was approved from DES. Also, DES denied the Danai application due to monies not paid in lieu of mitigation.

Land Use/Wetlands/Enforcement Issues/Planning Board – The next planning board meeting is Thursday, October 18. Candia Crossing will be discussed. J. Lindsey will voice concern that the development has little open space.

Correspondence was reviewed. A Forest Laws Workshop will be held in Bristol, November 1 and in New Boston, November 13. Bear Paw mailed a thank you for a donation. Carolyn Emerson sent information noting the deadline for warrant articles is October 22. An e-mail was received from the NH Estuaries Project noting a variety of grants, workshops and programs. An email was received from Jon Ekroth thanking the commission for allowing him to place a geocache container on the Deerfield Road Town Forest. Southern NH Planning Commission is holding a workshop on November 5 discussing the loss of agricultural land in southern NH.

Ed Fowler noted that Greg Lewis did complete his Eagle Scout project.

Under Budget Update Approval Dick Snow noted the items discussed at the Budget Committee meeting last evening.

Conservation Commission Website will show photos of the Greg Lewis' project. The site will also post the draft conservation easement on the Deerfield Road Town Forest.

Lamprey River Watershed is having their annual meeting in November.

Conservation Land/Easement Acquisition Status - Ed Fowler received the latest draft on the Deerfield Road Town Forest from Dan Kern. It was agreed that the easement language is complete. The easement will be posted on the commission's website noting that it is pending review from the Town's attorney.

A letter was received from the town's attorney regarding the Liquid Planet Conservation Easement. He sent recommendations in sections 1F and 2H. He also suggested additions in 3A-1 (forestry activities). Ed Fowler will discuss questions related to public access with the landowners. Changes will be made to the easement before finalizing the easement.

Also, from the town's attorney, a letter was received on the Sanborn easement. After reviewing the document, Bart noted that it was suitable. He would like to be notified when the appraisal is completed.

The Fowler Easement was signed on October 11. 63 acres are now in conservation easement with Bear Paw.

Under Bear Paw Status Report a Conservation Roundtable meeting will be held on October 29 at the Northwood Town Hall.

Under Forest Management Activities, the landing site for the Flint Road Town Forest has been determined. A logger was hired and will begin work on the project soon.

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

The Open Space Subcommittee is working on the newsletter.

Management Plans for Town Lands - E. Kruse suggested applying for a grant to develop future forest management plans. Also, a letter was received from Cheryl Killam regarding her grant writing services. She noted the availability of a flat rate of \$1200 from CTAP for each community. She noted her fee of \$40 per hour. She projected this project will take between 40-60 hours.

There was discussion regarding NROC grant writing with no determinations made.

Times and dates were assigned to walk town properties. Members are to look for any infractions on the properties.

The wording for the warrant article was developed as noted: To see if the town will vote to accept the granting of the conservation easement presented at public hearing in accordance with RSA (number needed) on town owned property known as Map 401, Lot 1-1 further described as the Deerfield Road Town Forest. This is accordance with the terms of the purchase and sales agreement signed by the Candia Board of Selectmen and Mary Girard on (date needed).

D. Snow noted that the Town Signs will cost approximately \$ 250 each.

A motion was made by T. Giffen and seconded by J. Lindsey to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Charlene Harris.