

# **Candia Conservation Commission**

## **Approved**

### **Meeting Minutes – November 20, 2007**

Present: Chair Ed Fowler, E. Davidson, J. Miele, E. Kruse, J. Lindsey, D. Lewis, D. Snow, T. Giffen and guest John Cole.

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

Minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed with the following Changes: page two, paragraph four, the landing site should read Flint Road Town Forest. Also on page two, paragraph ten, the last sentence should read: This is in accordance with the terms.... A motion was made by Tom Giffen to approve the minutes and seconded by E. Kruse.

Under Wetland Permit Applications, a plan was reviewed on Crowley Road, Lot 90, Map 414. Ed will discuss the plans with the owner of the property and update the commission. Also a permit application approval was received from DES for Forest Management Timber Harvest on Flint Road.

Under Land Use/Wetlands/Enforcement Issues/Planning Board, on the November 7<sup>th</sup> meeting. J. Lindsey noted that the Lane Road property and Brown Road property came before the planning board.

Under correspondence, a new newsletter has been developed from the Cooperative Extension Service. Also, received from CTAP was information about a grant writing request form. Susan Carrigan sent an e-mail updating the commission on her recent events. A copy of a letter was received from Bill Hallock sent to John Cummings, regarding the wetland area on his property. Newsletters from Supply Lines with the Source and Bear Paw Regional Greenways were made available to members to read. From DES, correspondence was received which confirmed the refusal of the Danais application. Southern NH Planning Commission sent a memo regarding two upcoming meetings: Protecting Shoreland and Riparian Buffers on November 29 and Conservation Sub-Division Design as a Tool for Building Open Space Networks, on December 3. A letter was received from Bear Paw on membership renewal. Also DES sent a memo offering classes on changes and new standards on the revised CSPA to be held on December 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>.

Under Budget Update, D. Snow requested approval to pay Southern NH Planning Commission for \$225, Bear Paw \$100 and the Lamprey River Watershed annual dues. A motion to approve was made by J. Lindsey and seconded by T. Giffen. Ed read a letter from Bear Paw and recused himself. The letter noted that the conservation easement has been completed on the Fowler property. Expenses and stewardship fees totaled: \$ 11,818.65. A motion was made to authorize the expenditure from the conservation fund for the Fowler easement from E. Davidson and seconded by D. Lewis. Motion carried.

Conservation Commission Website - J. Miele will contact Greg Lewis for photos on the work that was done on the New Boston Road Conservation Area. Also, Joe would like to have a page on the site regarding the easement on the Deerfield Road Town Forest. Thursday, January 31, 2008 was suggested for the Deerfield Road Town Forest conservation easement public hearing and C. Harris is to check on the availability of the Town Hall conference room. A date will be set for a Public Hearing on the Deerfield Road Town Forest and J. Miele will post to the website.

Lamprey River Watershed Association, D. Snow noted a potential grant from DES which involves walking the Lamprey River to the Atlantic to inventory the condition of the river.

Conservation Land Easement Acquisition Status, Ed discussed the selectmen's meeting last evening. This was to accept Bart Mayer's letter after reviewing the Sanborn easement. The selectmen postponed discussion after questions which arose from Mr. Mayer.

Also, discussion arose regarding the Sanborn property. An appraisal was done on the property with a figure of \$ 595,000. The cost of the appraisal was \$ 7,000. Another appraiser was sought. The new appraisal came in at \$ 580,000. It was later determined that the first appraiser did not use an appropriate appraisal method known as the yellow book method. Ed Fowler explained the situation to the Sanborns. D. Snow noted that we have a valid contract between the town and the Sanborns for the higher amount. A copy of the Purchase and Sales Agreement will be sent to Bart to review. Some questions were raised regarding the validity of the purchase and sales agreement not being signed by a selectman.

Regarding the December 6<sup>th</sup> hearing on the Sanborn easement, Ed suggested contacting someone from Southern NH Planning Commission on independent sustainability and the value of agricultural soils to speak at the hearing. E. Kruse to contact SNHPC.

Also under Conservation Land/Easement Acquisition Status, Ed received a note from Dan Kern asking whether the commission would be interested in purchasing the Maloney Property on North Road. Also, Ed met with Kevin Dumont this morning. They will continue to work on the proper wording for the Liquid Planet easement.

Ed will be looking for a forester to look at the after-value on the Sieminski property.

E. Kruse reported that Chris Shadler will be the speaker at the annual Bear-Paw meeting. E. Kruse also mentioned the L-CHIP grant for the Hooksett property.

Under Forest Management Activities, there was nothing to report.

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

Open Space Subcommittee, J. Lindsey presented the commission with the newsletter draft for their review. The commission newsletter will go to print by the end of next week after final changes have been made. J. Miele asked the commission to review the newsletter and provide him with any changes by November 30.

Under Management Plans for Town Lands, it was noted that several properties had been walked. Pictures will be posted on the commission's website by J. Miele.

Regarding Town Signs, there was discussion on the cost, design and wording, with no decisions made.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by J. Lindsey and seconded by T. Giffen. The meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Charlene Harris.