

Candia Conservation Commission

Approved

Meeting Minutes – January 15, 2008

Present: Chair Ed Fowler, J. Miele, E. Kruse, J. Lindsey, D. Snow, D. Weeks, E. Davidson, D. Levesque, S. Wilderman, T. Giffen, Selectmen Representative Rick Lazott, and guest Jack Munn from Southern NH Planning Commission.

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

Minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed with the following changes: Page one, paragraph five should read: from Romeo Danais to DES. Page two, fourth paragraph, fourth sentence should read: E. Davidson stood in as a voting member to temporarily replace E. Fowler who was recused. In the same paragraph, second to last sentence, delete apostrophe on the word Sanborns. Also in the same paragraph, last sentence should read: D.Snow suggested sending a press release and that they be recognized at the town meeting, deliberative session. Also on page two, in the sixth paragraph, second sentence should read: Open Space would like to develop a flyer to go in the Boy Scout packet. Also on page two second to last paragraph should read: A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by J. Lindsey. A motion was made by J. Lindsey to accept the minutes as amended and seconded by T. Giffen. Motion carried.

Under Wetlands Permit Application, a letter from DES was received regarding the Danais wetland permit. The approval is contingent upon receipt of application fees.

Land Use/Wetlands/Enforcement Issues/Planning Board - Per J. Lindsey there are two items on the agenda for the January 16th meeting: the Crowley Road subdivision and an application from Charlie Bowman. E. Kruse also asked J. Lindsey to find out who the new chair will be on the zoning committee.

Jack Munn was here to discuss riparian buffer studies. He noted concerns lie with the upper headwater streams of the Lamprey River. He discussed the proposed ordinance regulation that came out of the study. He noted that the upper reaches of the river provide the filtering from contaminants from storm water and pesticides. He also noted that as the town of Candia grows, storm water management will become more important than ever. He also mentioned that larger communities are now being faced with EPA requirements. He read several facts from the ordinance report. He noted four watersheds in Candia and that his greatest concern was with the Lamprey River. Mr. Munn suggested that the commission focus this ordinance on the first and second order streams. He recommended the use of maps if the commission were to pursue application of the ordinance. He encouraged the use of signs in shoreland protection areas. He made note of the buffer standards and recommended they be increased. He suggested the commission review the information.

Under Correspondence, E. Fowler read a letter from SNHPC regarding two new workshops held on January 23, 2008: Housing and Conservation Planning Program and Inclusionary Zoning Implementation Program Funding Application. J. Lindsey is planning on attending. J. Lindsey also shared information on compost bins.

Budget Update/Approval of Outstanding Payments/Invoices, there was nothing new to report.

D. Snow discussed his conversation with Mr. Larry Twitchell and noted his concerns regarding expenditures from the conservation fund. D. Snow noted that we need to look at the properties the commission is responsible for and note what they are useful for. S. Wilderman suggested creating maps and listing activities available on properties that are protected and managed. S. Wilderman volunteered to walk one piece of property a month.

Under the Conservation Commission Website, J. Miele noted that he posted the page on Deerfield Road Town Forest.

Lamprey River Watershed Association - D. Snow has fliers available on the Lamprey River Watershed walk.

Under Conservation Land/Easement Acquisition Status, per E. Fowler the Sanborn Easement has not yet been finalized. E. Kruse suggested acknowledging the Sanborn's efforts. E. Fowler recommended recognition at the deliberative session.

Regarding the Pearson property, Ed Fowler noted that there are some legal issues with the way the trust is written. The conservation commission agreed to pay for some of the transaction costs. He made note that this transaction may not take place at all.

Regarding the Sander property, E. Kruse noted that there may be a conservation buyer interested.

Bear Paw Status Report – E. Kruse discussed their winter walk. She noted the possibility of a spring walk to Kinnicum Pond. She also noted that the annual meeting will be held February 9th.

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 – discussing what kind of informational flyer to place in the Boy Scout packet at the end of February.

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

Warrant Articles for Conservation Easement, Ed noted that the warrant articles are coming up for vote. Ed will be discussing them at the deliberative session.

Ed Fowler asked for changes to the annual report due in by January 21. Changes will be made and the report forwarded to Carolyn.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by J. Lindsey and seconded by S. Wilderman. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:13 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Charlene Harris.