

Candia Conservation Commission
Approved
Meeting Minutes – March 18, 2008

Present: Chair Ed Fowler, J. Miele, E. Kruse, S. Wilderman, E. Davidson, D. Levesque, T. Giffen, D. Weeks, D. Lewis, and guests Dan Kern from Bear-Paw and Larry Twitchell.

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

Ed Fowler began the meeting by introducing Dan Kern from Bear-Paw. Ed noted some concerns raised by Bart Mayer regarding the wording in the Deerfield Road Town Forest Easement. These included sections 2H, posting of the property and section 7, and breach of easement. Dan noted that Bear-Paw's attorney had some suggested changes that may help the conservation commission address Bart Mayer's concerns. Dan will forward the attorney's suggestions in draft language to Ed Fowler. Also, Dan noted that Bear-Paw's attorney raised concerns over section 7F, attorney costs. Bear-Paw's attorney suggested adding language to that section, which Dan will send along with the new draft. Regarding section 12, condemnation, Dan Kern noted that their attorney is concerned that when there is a transfer of rights, represented by the easement, that does have value and places a financial burden on the Grantee to monitor the easement in perpetuity. He also stated that if there is no such section, it might make it too easy to condemn the property. The attorney will research the information if requested to.

Dan also left the commission with a checklist which Bear-Paw uses for placing a property into a conservation easement.

Minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed with the following changes: Paragraph 3, second sentence should read: The applicant will return to the planning board on March 3. Paragraph 5, first sentence should read: Boy Scout packet flyer. Also in the same paragraph, add the following to the last sentence: with approximately \$ 350,000 encumbered. In paragraphs 7 and 9 change the spelling of Moreno. In paragraph 7, change the spelling of Sieminski. Paragraph 16, last sentence should read: E. Kruse noted that Phil Auger of the UNH Cooperative Extension could help negotiate an easement.

A motion was made from T. Giffen to accept the minutes as amended and E. Davidson seconded.

Under Wetland Permits, an application was received from Liquid Planet. The request involves enlarging an existing pond to meet fire department requirements. This would involve dredging a substantial area to increase the size. The size requested was in question. Ed Fowler will contact the Candia Fire Chief to confirm.

Also, Ed Fowler noted that the Planning Board is considering an application submitted for property on Raymond Road, known as the "Dog Place". The existing area would include providing landscaping services and a repair shop business on power equipment, forklifts and autos. The plan proposes adding a garage, a cement slab and several parking spaces. He noted zoning ordinance, commercial B11, excludes the repair of heavy motorized equipment.

Regarding the Crowley Road subdivision, Ed suggested that the Planning Board request an environmental impact assessment on these properties.

Under Correspondence, the UNH Cooperative Extension in conjunction with NH Fish and Game has developed brochures regarding the NH Wildlife Action Plan. These were made available to members. Also the UNH Cooperative Extension will begin their community conservation series. The series will be held April through August. UNH Cooperative Extension is holding a workshop on how to identify and measure big trees. This will be held at the Canterbury Woods Country Club on April 11. Also, a memo was received from Southern NH Planning Commission regarding the Planner's Roundtable scheduled for March 27. The UNH Cooperative Extension also forwarded a survey regarding the NH Wildlife Action Plan. Also, an introduction letter was received from Birch Tree Conservation Consulting, listing the services which they provide. Conservation members also discussed the upcoming workshop, Savings Special Places to be held on Saturday, April 5.

Budget Update Approval of outstanding payments/invoices, Ed Fowler noted that as of 2008, \$ 172.00 has been spent. The update on the conservation fund is \$ 834,486, with over \$ 350,000 encumbered.

Under Conservation Commission Website, J. Miele noted several additions to the website. E. Kruse noted that Rick Lazotte suggested indicating access areas for those interested in walking properties in conservation. Ed Fowler also shared several comments that were made on the conservation maps that were made available through the scout flyer.

Lamprey River Watershed Association – there was nothing new to report.

Conservation Land Easement Status, Ed Fowler noted that the commission is moving forward on the Sanborn Easement. He noted that part of the delay lies with the Natural Resources Conservation Services.

Ed Fowler noted that Charlie Moreno will be available to do the timber appraisal on the Sieminski Property. There was nothing new to report on the Sander property.

Bear Paw Status Report, E. Kruse noted that there will be a number of activities in the spring. There will also be a return to the Suncook River during the summer. A meeting will be held on March 26 at the Epsom Central School relative to the Suncook River.

Forest Management Activities – there was nothing new to report.

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

Open Space Subcommittee will hold their next meeting on March 31.

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

Under New Business, Proposed Riparian Buffer Ordinance, a letter was read from Jack Munn regarding mechanized logging. He suggested including a provision, which requires photographs of the buffer to be sent to the town building inspector/code enforcement office, both before and after.

Under Other Business, Susan Wilderman reported on Agriculture Week, to be held May 1, at Henry Moore School. This one day event will target elementary school children.

E. Kruse suggested inviting Chris Schadler, a UNH teacher, to speak in conjunction with Agriculture week. A decision was made to wait to extend the invitation until the commission's budget has been determined since there would be a fee involved.

A motion was made by Tom Giffen to dismiss the meeting and seconded by D. Lewis. The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Charlene Harris.