

# **Candia Conservation Commission**

## **Approved**

### **Meeting Minutes – April 15, 2008**

Present: Chair Ed Fowler, E. Kruse, J. Lindsey, S. Wilderman, D. Levesque, T. Giffen, D. Weeks, D. Snow, D. Lewis and Rich MacLean from UNH.

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

Ed Fowler introduced Rich MacLean from UNH in Department of Natural Resources. They have two goals: The first is to look at carbon storage and the effects that forest fragmentation has on them and the second goal is to establish long term monitoring plots in the large fragments. The area of interest is the Lamprey River and Oyster River Watershed. He noted that the proposed plots will be 30 x 30 meters, marking them by either buried data markers or magnets. Sampling years will likely be every 3-5 years. During this time, there may be flagging, otherwise there should be no visible evidence. Also the first year they will be digging quantitative soil pits – to determine the soil density. He noted that during sampling years they expect to have signage. He noted that the data will be made available to review. Annual reports will also be sent to update the commission. Properties were assigned to members to walk with Mr. MacLean.

Minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed with no changes. A motion was made to approve the minutes by D. Snow and seconded by T. Giffen.

Wetlands Permits Application, there was nothing to review.

Land Use / Wetlands / Enforcement Issues/Planning Board, J. Lindsey noted there have been no recent planning board meetings. It was suggested that the conservation commission send a letter to the planning board on the Crowley Road subdivision suggesting the potential environmental impact on the area and requesting that an Environmental Impact Analysis be performed.

Also, regarding the Levesque property on Palmer Road, DES has received a proposed site restoration plan for the property. The site has been subject to DES enforcement action. Ed noted that there are 19 items the property owner must abide by to restore the land.

Under Correspondence, an email was read from Julie Star, Global Warming Outreach Coordinator from the National Wildlife Federation regarding a workshop to be held on April 23 at the UNH (Manchester Campus). Also, a workshop for Natural Resource Professionals will be held on May 21<sup>st</sup>, Longview School, Deerfield, NH. Also, an advertisement was made available from TopoLogics, GIS Assoc. Also, Southern NH Planning Commissions is holding an April 17 meeting. They are seeking volunteers to attend. They will be asked to discuss their current town's conservation projects. A letter from Manchester Water Works was received by the commission introducing the new forester, Mr. John O'Neil, who replaced the late Ethan Howard. A one day workshop to be held May 29<sup>th</sup> on Tools and Techniques for Managing Residential and Industrial Growth to be held UNH Pease Transport. A catalog from CTAP was made available to members listing workshops.

Budget Update/Approval of outstanding payments/invoices, Ed Fowler noted he submitted the bill for

the Saving Special Places workshop attended by 4 members last month, \$ 240 total for the registration and additional for the mileage and tolls.

Conservation Commission Website – Ed Fowler spoke with J. Miele prior to the meeting. Joe thought of introducing a calendar to the website to post CCC events. He also questioned whether the site should include upcoming events such as Southern NH Planning Commission seeking volunteers for water source contamination in Candia. Members thought noting these items may be of interest to people.

Lamprey River Watershed Association, D. Snow suggested having stream monitoring on the Lamprey River in Candia.

Conservation land/easement(s) acquisition status, Liquid Planet contacted E. Fowler regarding the easement language, regarding the forestry aspects. They hope to have this project completed by spring. Ed also noted the question that was raised about the fire pond size, which was confirmed by R. Cartier, Candia Fire dept.

Regarding the Sanborn Easement, the yellow book appraisal did not meet the qualifications from the reviewer. Mary Currier hopes to get this resolved soon.

Ed Fowler has contacted Carol Sieminski on the timber analysis. Charlie Moreno will move forward in May with this project. This will determine the value of the timber, which will be used in getting the appraisal completed.

Regarding the Deerfield Road Easement, Ed Fowler read both Bart Mayer's concerns and Dan Kern's response to sections 2H, 7 and 12. Revisions from Bear Paw will be sent to Bart Mayer to review.

Also, Ed noted that Dan Kern submitted a grant application to NH Estuaries Project and received a grant for \$3,000 for the cost associated with the Deerfield Road Town Easement fees. Ed noted that the town is still eligible for up to \$10,000 in grants.

Bear Paw Status Report, A list of workshop and events are as follows: Vernal Pool Fieldtrip, April 26, Nottingham, NH. Conservation Options Workshop, May 14, Nottingham. Spring Migration Bird Walk, May 17, Pawtuckaway State Park. Global Climate Change and Land Conservation, May 19, Dover, NH. Suncook River Tour, August 14, Epsom. Hawkwatch, September 20, location undetermined.

Also, E. Kruse noted that Chris Dupere will make Bear Paw literature available in the Town Offices.

Forest Management Activities, Ed circulated photographs of examples of the deforestation of hemlocks due to the Woolly Adelgid organism.

Also, Charlie Moreno notified Ed that the Flint Road Town Forest thinning and weeding forestry project will be begin some time in May.

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

Open Space Subcommittee, J. Lindsey noted that the Open Space brochure is being revised.

Management Plans for Town Land, members noted which town properties have been visited and which ones remained. D. Snow suggested that maps would be useful in walking the properties.

Proposed Riparian Buffer Ordinance, nothing new to report.

Member Reappointments will take place on May 5<sup>th</sup>. T. Giffen advised all those who are up for reappointments to be in attendance at the Selectman's meeting.

Under Other Business, Ed noted that the Massabesic Audubon Center is in serious financial trouble. There will be a meeting on the 29<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-8:00 p.m. to discuss the situation. He encouraged members to attend.

Also a Manure Management Workshop will be held on May 17 at Griffinbrook, Candia, NH. The workshop is being co-sponsored by the Candia Conservation Commission.

Also, the Conservation Commission is sponsoring a Coyote Workshop with Chris Shadler on May 2, at the Masonic Hall, 7:00 p.m.

A motion to adjourn was made by J. Lindsey and seconded by T. Giffen at 8:57 p.m.