

Candia Conservation Commission
Approved
Meeting Minutes – May 20, 2008

Present: Chair Ed Fowler, E. Kruse, J. Lindsey, T. Giffen, D. Lewis and J. Miele

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

Minutes from previous meeting were reviewed and a correction to capitalize the month of August in paragraph 15 and to correct the spelling of Chris Dupere's last name in paragraph 16.

Regular Business

Wetlands Permit Application: There was nothing to review.

Land Use/Wetlands/Enforcement Issues/Planning Board: Judi Lindsey talked about discussing environmental impact studies for Crowley Road. She spoke of the impact assessment of the property. There will be a site walk on Saturday, May 31st.

Correspondence: An advertisement arrived from Birch Tree Conservation Consulting. Ed will keep it on file in case there is ever a need for their expertise. Ed spoke of a call he received from the Attorney General regarding the warrant article #34 flyer that was submitted. The reason for the call was to inform him that there must be name, address, & telephone number included, not an e-mail address. The board felt that the Selectmen should be informed of this for future submissions. There will be a Fish and Game Watershed Ecology Institute meeting taking place at Bow High School from July 21-25, and July 28-Aug 1st. New England Erosion Control sent an advertisement. Rep Richard Snow sent a message informing the board of the grand opening of Liquid Planet Water Park in Candia on Friday, June 13th. There will be a Coastal Watershed Invasive Plant Partnership meeting on May 20, 2008. We received a copy of a letter to Fred Kelly from the Senate of the State of NH regarding the first meeting of the Estuary Alliance Sewage Treatment. (EAST). Tom Giffen felt that due to Candia's situation, where we have no public wastewater treatment of any kind that it might have been considered irrelevant. Ed spoke of a letter received from Stonehill Environmental, who has been retained by Verizon Wireless, to determine if any historical properties/objects will be affected by its proposal to co-locate equipment at the Wireless Communication Facility located at Stubby's Restaurant, 36 Old Manchester Rd. The board had no concern that anything historical would be affected in that area. The Lamprey River Watershed Association is looking for volunteers and money to help with the 2008 stream walk. The Board felt that they had donated in advance last year and were going to hold that information for Dick Snow. We received several invitations from the EPA to register for conferences/seminars related managing storm water with low impact development in Maine & New Hampshire. Registration is now being held for 6/12 at the Great Bay Gallery in Somersworth. Ed felt

that someone should attend. Building Inspector, Bill Hallock was thought to be the best candidate to attend some or all of these seminars. Southern NH will hold a seminar on low impact development/porous pavement on 6/17 from 9:00 to 11:00 at Southern NH offices. Some commissioners mentioned that the Manure Management Workshop at Griffinbrook on 5/17 was very interesting and informative.

Budget Update/Approval of outstanding payments/invoices: There was nothing to review.

Conservation Commission Website: Joe spoke of the mission statement from the RSA-36A. Also, the Domain name was up for renewal at a cost of approx. \$17.00/yr. Everyone on the board agreed to renew.

Lamprey River Watershed Association: No one had any comments.

Old Business

Conservation land/easement(s) acquisition status: The Sander property was discussed. An appraisal was done on the value of the development rights of 40 acres. The amount of the appraisal was \$200,000.00. The landowner will consider the option of a bargain sale. More information is needed. Dennis noted that the original property owner was the founder of Candia's Conservation Commission. The board felt confident that his wishes would be to preserve as much of the property as possible.

Charlie Moreno has done a timber value assessment on the Sieminski property on both sides of the road and the report will be submitted to the appraiser, Marsha Beecy, when completed.

Liquid Planet easement was discussed. The original letter from Bart Mayer of 10/11/07 requesting a clause be added to section 3-A1 was read and Kevin chose to leave the original clause as is in 3A, which relates back to 2A. This was to preserve the land the way it was intended. No one had any objections to this. It was mentioned that not only does this show that he is a conservation minded individual but also helps raise the awareness of the value of conservation in this town.

Regarding the Sanborn easement. The corrections on the appraisal are finished and were submitted to the reviewer. They will try to have it finished up by the end of May. Needs to be finalized by June 29th.

Dan Kern applied for a grant from NHEP. They awarded us \$3,000.00, but it needs to be matched. Volunteer time can be used. Betsy informed the board she received time sheets to be filled when there is time spent on the Deerfield Road Town Forest easement.

Bear-Paw sent an invitation for the June 7th Biothon. They will hold a tour of the Biothon's target property, which is 288 acres on the Isinglass River in Strafford.

Forest Management Activities. The group discussed the Flint Road fire that was set to the logging equipment. There was a substantial amount of damage done to expensive equipment. However, the fire marshal is encouraged that they may have a lead to the person/persons responsible.

Commission Properties Access Planning and Requests. Jim Franklin agreed to do pro-bono work on boundaries. There is a need to survey the boundaries. We need to prioritize a list.

Open Space Subcommittee. Judi mentioned having input from the CCC regarding the website and brochure. The COSC would like to have the brochure finished by Old Home Day. Do Selectmen need to approve? Judi will ask Fred to clarify. The COSC would like to get the CCC involved with Yahoo group site. Joe will ask Peter to send invitations to CCC members who are on line.

Other Business

A notice was sent to all involved that the Selectmen are having a round table discussion on 6/23 and want 3 topics submitted for discussion by each Board or Commission. The CCC feels their topic should be as follows: How each board or commission best contributes to the development of Candia within the guidelines of the Master Plan. They also feel this would be an opportunity to remind everyone what each board's responsibility is and how all of them can work together.

The Board agreed that money should be set aside for Barry Conservation Camp.

Judi shared her experience speaking with the "Daisies" (Girl Scouts) for one hour regarding resources and trash. She also talked about listening to Mrs. Bogard at the Massabesic Audubon Center. She cares for injured turtles. Judi felt it was very informative.

Scott Komisarek and Amanda Helmig attended the meeting to ask questions related to a "bargain sale". Basically, what the restrictions would be. Mr. Komisarek is involved in organic gardening and was interested in the CCC's feelings on agricultural farming. Ed explained in detail what a bargain sale is and how the process works. The board had no objection to organic gardening and agricultural farming.

A motion to adjourn was made by T. Giffen and seconded by J. Lindsey at 9:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Phillips