

Candia Conservation Commission

Approved

Meeting Minutes – June 17, 2008

Present: Vice-Chair E. Kruse, J. Lindsey, D. Levesque, J. Miele, T. Giffen, D. Weeks, D. Snow and D. Lewis. Guests included Michael Lambert representing Eric C. Mitchell & Associates, Inc. and David and Gwen Paprocki, land owners.

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

The meeting opened with Mr. Lambert speaking on behalf of the Paprockis. He presented the commission with sketches of their site plan. He noted that the property is cut in half by a wetland system, leaving two possible locations for a home, stating that the clients are uncertain as to where to build. He noted there is a mitigation option on the site and presented photos to the commission. The building envelope would involve filling a portion of the wetland between two knolls. He noted that the functions and values of the wetlands are low and that it is a typical forested wetland. Mr. Lambert sketched ideas on the existing plan indicating where the home could be placed creating less challenging grades and making it a relatively flat piece of property. He said the Paprockis are also willing to restore a section of wetland near the boulder area. D. Lewis shared concerns of possible off-site drainage near the entrance to the lot. Mr. Lewis will visit the site to examine that possibility. The commission suggested to Mr. Lambert to approach the planning board and/or the building inspector. Mr. Lambert noted that he is not looking for a variance. B. Kruse encouraged them to consult with the golf course people since the mitigation area abuts it and would flow into their property. The commission also discussed whether the lot would have been approved by the planning board if it did not have 1.5 acres of contiguous upland soil. If it is a conforming lot, there may be no need to fill in the wetlands."

Minutes from the previous meeting were discussed with the following changes: Under those present, correct the spelling of Tom Giffen's name. Under Land Use/Wetlands, paragraph two, second sentence, delete Tom Giffen's name and replace with the word "she." Under Open Space Subcommittee, delete the fourth sentence. In the fifth sentence change Tom's name to Judi's. Under Other Business, third paragraph rewrite sentence as 'her experience speaking with.' In the same section, paragraph four, correct the spelling of Amanda Helmig's last name. A motion was made to accept the minutes as amended by Judi and seconded by Tom Giffen. Motion carried.

Wetland Permit Applications – John Cummings submitted an application for his property located on New Boston Road for a standard dredge & fill. DES responded to the application noting that it was incomplete and requested that Mr. Cummings respond with the necessary information. The plan was made available to members to look through.

Land Use, Wetlands, Enforcement Issues, Planning Board - Judi Lindsey noted that Harbor Street will return to discuss Crowley Road. She presented the board with several areas of concern in the Environmental Impact Assessment on this property. E. Kruse noted that there is also a list of recommendations that this study makes and suggested that the Planning Board be encouraged to include them as criteria for acceptance of the project. Several of the recommendations were read aloud. Dennis Lewis noted that a new set of plans had been submitted that day. The commission felt that everyone involved needs more time to review them before discussing them at a planning board meeting (per

planning board policy).

Correspondence – A letter sent to Ed Fowler was received from the Attorney General’s office, regarding the Cease and Desist Order for Political Advertising. Charlene Harris will forward a copy to Dawn Chabot to distribute to the town selectmen. A letter from Merrimack County Conservation District was received offering a Community Tree Stewards Program. This involves volunteering over 40 hours in a 2yr. period. Locations for this program are held in Stratham and Manchester with a \$75 course fee. Also a letter from Kathleen Fife was received noting a Lamprey River Instream Growth Program. Bear-Paw sent an invitation to a property walk (Freese Property, Deerfield, NH), followed by a wine and cheese reception to be held on June 29. Senator John Sununu sent a letter and CD regarding a “Guide to Federal Conservation Program,” which was compiled by his staff. Mary Phillips is submitted an invoice for her services for the May meeting. E. Kruse noted that Ed Fowler submitted topics to the Board of Selectmen for next Monday’s Roundtable Discussion on June 23rd.

Budget Update, Approval of Outstanding Payments, Invoices – There was nothing new to report.

Conservation Commission Website – J. Miele noted the website was updated with the mission statement.

Lamprey River Watershed Association – There was discussion regarding the upcoming Lamprey River Instream Walk opportunities.

Conservation Land Easement Acquisition Status - An e-mail exchange between Jeannie Menard, Phil Auger and Ed Fowler was read regarding the Sander property. Ms. Menard noted she is working with a buyer and discussing placing most of the property into easement. Several questions from Ms. Menard include: Would the Candia Conservation Commission commit \$ 100,000 to help with the project and would they want the Town of Candia or Bear-Paw to be the easement holder? There were also questions regarding public access, transaction costs, executory interest and grant sources. E. Kruse noted there are a lot of issues that need to be discussed before a final decision can be made. E. Kruse deferred the discussion to T. Giffen due to her association with Bear-Paw. He suggested discussing this information with the Board of Selectmen at their next meeting on June 23. He noted that many things would need to be detailed in this meeting and asked who would be willing to assist him in this process. T. Giffen noted that the transaction costs can be covered by the commission without being approved by the BOS.

J. Lindsey and E. Kruse recused themselves. A motion was by made by D. Snow to agree in concept to provide funding in the amount of \$110,000 with the plan to proceed with the opportunity to purchase the development rights and to pay for the transaction costs on the Sander property and seconded by T. Giffen. All were in favor. Motion carried. It was suggested to present this information at the July 14 meeting.

An e-mail was received from Ed Fowler regarding the Sanborn easement. He noted that it is moving along and should be finalized upon his return.

Notes read from Ed Fowler included: The commission is still waiting for the management plan and baseline report for Liquid Planet. Also, Carol Sieminski has received the timber appraisal from Charlie Moreno.

Bear-Paw Status Report – J. Lindsey discussed the Biothon in which she participated. She presented the commission with an update of the event as well as photos. E. Kruse noted the Suncook River Walk on August 14th. Also, she noted there is still activity on the Clay Pond Project.

Forest Management Activities – The forest project on the Flint Road property is moving along nicely.

Commission Properties Access Planning & Request – There is nothing new to report.

Open Space Subcommittee – Per J. Lindsey, the committee did not meet, however, they presented the commission with the draft copy of the Open Space Committee brochure to be available at Old Home Day. Any comments from the Conservation Commission about the draft should be sent to the committee by July 3rd. Betsy will try to schedule an Open Space meeting on July 7th at the library.

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

Proposed Riparian Buffer Ordinances – There was nothing new to report. This needs to be tabled until the zoning revision committee is reconvened.

Member Re-appointments – J. Miele received his certificate. D. Levesque, E. Davidson, D. Lewis and T. Giffen will need to be sworn in.

Other Business – It was agreed that the commission and the open space committee would participate in the Candia Old Home Day on August 23rd. Members volunteered for set up and assisting at the booth. Ideas for the booth were also discussed.

Before the close of the meeting, E. Kruse suggested that members consider looking at what direction the commission is going as well as goals for the future. She requested this be placed on next month's agenda.

A motion to adjourn was made by T. Giffen and seconded by J. Lindsey at 8:55 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Charlene Harris.