

Candia Conservation Commission

~~Unapproved~~ Approved Meeting Minutes – July 15, 2008

Present: Chair Ed Fowler, Vice-Chair E. Kruse, J. Lindsey, D. Levesque, J. Miele, T. Giffen, D. Snow, D. Lewis and E. Davidson and guests Amanda Soares and Steve Riker from NHSC.

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

The meeting opened with Steve Riker, a wetland and wildlife scientist with NHSC. He began his discussion for the Crowley Road property by detailing the total acreage, total number of lots, areas of shared driveway access, erosion control details, impacted wetland areas and total area of impact.

Ed Fowler noted that lot #5, a 95 acre lot, may result in further development in the future. After reviewing the plans T. Giffen suggested that lot # 5 has a substantial amount of contiguous upland soil. Mr. Riker agreed with his observation. Ed Fowler noted that this application has not yet been reviewed by the Town Clerk. Once reviewed, the application will then go to DES as a standard dredge and fill as an area with minor impact.

Minutes from the previous meeting were discussed with no changes. A motion was made by E. Kruse to accept ~~to accept~~ the minutes as approved. It was seconded by T. Giffen.

Wetland Permit Application – Regarding the Paprockis property located on Fieldstone Land, Ed Fowler read aloud a letter from John Cole. Mr. Cole voiced his concerns regarding the seasonal flow of water onto his property. He suggested that any alterations made to the Paprockis property will divert the water onto his land or onto the golf course. E. Kruse noted that there has not yet been a wetlands application on this property. Ed Fowler will keep Mr. Cole's letter on file.

Land Use/Wetlands/Enforcement I – J. Lindsey noted that the last planning board meeting was a disappointment. She also named several items going before the Planning Board on July 16 including zoning issues, well issues at Candia Crossing and a bonding issue with Wildcat Land Development.

Correspondence – Southern NH Planning Commission is offering a conference on the Merrimack River restoration plan on July 30 (6-8:30 p.m.) at SNHPC conference room. ~~Also,†~~ The NH Estuaries Project is providing free VIP boat tours in the Great Bay and Hampton Seaways watershed on August 20 (9-12:30) and September 13 (9-12:30). ~~Also,†~~ The Local Government Center is seeking nominations for their 21st annual Municipal Volunteer Award. Nomination deadline is August 29th. Also, there are two Community Conservation workshop dates remaining: Great Bay NERR August 8 (Greenland, NH) and August 22nd (Wakefield, NH). Finally, an e-mail was read from Andria Hansen regarding usage ~~on~~ of the conference room during the holiday season. The commission will relocate during those times.

Budget Update/Approval of outstanding payments/invoices – The current budget remains at \$2,574. D. Snow noted that the commission has spent 40% of the funds and that it is expected a significant amount will be spent at the end of the year. He noted that the budget ~~has already exceeded~~ line for secretarial wages will probably be over-expended this year.

Conservation Commission Website – Per J. Miele there have been a number of wildlife sightings. He suggested posting the information on the website encouraging people to participate in walking town properties.

Lamprey River Watershed Association – Per D. Snow, the Lamprey River Watershed Association was meeting with the Lamprey River Advisory Committee attempting to form a closer relationship. They are interested in placing the watershed under the rivers management program.

Conservation land/easement acquisition status – Ed reviewed last evening’s Board of Selectmen meeting regarding the conservation commission’s interest in ~~holding an easement~~ providing funds for a bargain sale of the development rights on the Sander property. The decision by the Board of Selectmen has been postponed until September 8. T. Giffen suggested the possibility of holding a public hearing, rather than conducting this on an informal basis. This would promote a fair and open process to gain public input.

Ed Fowler reiterated the reason the commission is trying to get support from the Board of Selectmen is that the commission would like the Town of Candia to hold an executory interest on the Sander property easement and the commission would then have some input into the easement. He also stated that the expenditure of money from the conservation fund is the prerogative of the conservation commission as long as the commission doesn’t hold the executory interest.

Also, Ed noted that the Sanborn Conservation Easement has been signed and finalized.

Bear Paw Status Report – E. Kruse discussed a walk on the Freese property in Deerfield which ended with a visit to a director’s home. Also Bear Paw has completed a conservation plan for the region which takes into account the estuaries coastal plan. Copies of the plan are available. She also mentioned the upcoming Suncook River Walk scheduled for August 14.

Forest Management Activities – The timber harvest and thinning project located on the Flint Road Town Forest has been completed.

Commission Properties Access Planning and Requests – There was nothing new to report.

Open Space Subcommittee – The brochure will be ready for Old Home Day. Also a newsletter is intended for the fall. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 18th.

Management Plans for Town Land – D. Snow noted that he spoke to Jim Franklin who said he would be willing to help with surveying town land properties.

Proposed Riparian Buffer Ordinance – There was nothing new to report.

Future Goals/Vision of CCC- E. Kruse noted that in 2000-2001 the conservation commission determined its goals and objectives which she has suggested members revisit. Copies will be included in a mailing for members to review and discuss at the August meeting.

Other – Erika Washburn introduced herself as a student at UNH. She noted her dissertation will be on studying the 14 towns along the Lamprey River Watershed. In the future months she will be contacting the chair from each town’s planning board, open space, heritage and conservation committees.

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

Minutes respectfully submitted by Charlene Harris.