

**Candia Conservation Commission**  
Approved  
Meeting Minutes –November 18, 2008

Present: Chair Ed Fowler, Vice-Chair Betsy Kruse, Tom Giffen, Dennis Lewis, Richard Weeks, Debra Levesque, Judi Lindsey, Richard Snow, and Ellie Davidson.

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

**Regular Business**

**Minutes of October 21<sup>st</sup>** were reviewed with the following revisions:

Page 1 under Wetlands Permit Applications, third line, insert “wide” after “12”; Page 2 under Conservation Land/Easements Acquisitions, line 11, insert “Kern of Bear Paw Regional Greenways” after “Dan” and line 17, insert “on SB381” after “article”.

A motion was made by Judi Lindsey to accept the minutes as amended and seconded by Betsy Kruse. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**Wetlands Permit Applications –**

Ed Fowler reported that there were no new applications to review but there were the following responses regarding previous applications:

1. Crowley Road property with Harbor Street Partnership: A letter was sent from NHSC Inc. (environmental consultants) to Michael Hicks of the Dept of the Army New England District Corps of Engineers regarding concerns expressed by the EPA relative to this project. The EPA elevated this project to an individual permit for the following reasons: lack of an indirect impact analysis, lack of a vernal pool survey, lack of an adequate mitigation plan, buffers and deed restrictions were suggested, and explanation for future use of lot 5, a 95 acre lot.

In response, Harbor Street has submitted the necessary information concerning these conditions including a voluntary deed restriction regarding the use of fertilizer, additional photographs, information on vernal pools, and additional maps and information as requested.

2. North Road property: Previously Bill Blake submitted a minimum expedited wetland application to install a driveway on his property on North Rd. DES did not accept this application because they failed to include information about endangered or threatened species or exemplary natural communities. Dennis Lewis informed the CCC that the information has since been submitted and Mr. Blake has received his permit.

3. Fieldstone Lane property owned by David and Gwen Paprocki:

DES notified Dave Paprocki that he had submitted an invalid permit by notification.

The letter stated that the permit and supporting material received indicates that the proposed project does not meet the rule and criteria for PBN process. This PBN project type is solely for installation of a culvert for a road and not filling for lot development. It continued to say that they may submit a standard fill application if they wish to pursue this project. Ed Fowler agreed that this information was stated on the application. It was noted that it is not the responsibility of the CCC to tell the owners what permits to file, but to look at the issues involved. The wetland scientist files for the permits and in this case, Michael Lambert, the wetlands scientist working for the Paprocki's, specifically stated that this project qualified for “permit by notification”. Mr. Lambert explained to the CCC that the original wetland work that was done was incorrect and that he had

spoken to Frank Richardson at DES and he agreed it was proper to go ahead and submit the application. The members agreed they would be more attentive to this matter on future applications.

It was also noted that the BOS received a letter of complaint from abutter John Cole who feels that the CCC made a terrible mistake in taking action on this project. Mr. Cole also sent a letter to Mr. Eben Lewis at DES expressing his concerns regarding this project.

### **Land Use, Wetlands, Enforcement Issues, Planning Board -**

Judi Lindsey reported at the next Planning Board meeting they would be discussing the property on Brown Road. The property owner is requesting to divide the property into two house lots. The board viewed the map and discussed the terrain of the property.

Tom Giffen noted that on November 18<sup>th</sup> the website [www.nneren.com](http://www.nneren.com) showed the MLS listing for that property noted that the approval to divide the property was granted by the Planning Board on Nov 19<sup>th</sup>. Judi will investigate this further.

The board also viewed a map of the buffer zone of the property being cleared at exit 3.

### **Correspondence – Ed Fowler reported on the following:**

- NHDES Lakes Management and Protection Program - Developed NH guidelines for coordinated lake management and shoreline protection plans. Final public hearing being held on November 18<sup>th</sup>.
- Received a letter from Bear Paw thanking the CCC for their continued support and inviting members to a Conservation Round Table on December 9 when they will discuss the their Strategic Conservation Plan and SB381.
- Received an email from Jon Ekroth who is interested in preparing maps showing Candia conservation land as well as individual maps for parcels that have trails. He wishes to develop his map-making skills for a career. He sent a copy of the town map he created for the CCC to view. The board was in agreement that this was a great idea. Chairman Fowler will invite him to attend a CCC meeting where the members can share with him some information that may be helpful.
- The meeting room at the town hall is not available during December. Judi Lindsey will reserve a room at the Moore School for the next meeting.
- A number of announcements regarding upcoming meetings and lectures were distributed for anyone interested.

### **Budget Update/Approval of Outstanding Payments/Invoices –**

Dick Snow reported that there is \$592 remaining in the budget. He is waiting for invoices for three membership dues that need to be renewed before the end of the year: Bear Paw, NHCCC and LRWA. He has already contacted LRWA and will contact NHCCC. Betsy reported that Bear Paw would be sending out invoices soon.

**Conservation Commission Website** – There was nothing new to report.

### **Lamprey River Watershed Association –**

Dick Snow reported that he will be working with Raymond to help them with their River Management Program. He has spoken with the director in Deerfield and would like to find someone in Northwood to get involved so they could have complete collaboration. Betsy noted that the CCC received information on collaborative grants that are available and wondered if a collaboration between Raymond, Candia and Deerfield might be able

to use some of these available funds to help complete this application. Dick felt the LRWA would have knowledge of these funds and would have applied for them if they felt there was a need.

Regarding CTAP, the I93 Community Technical Assistance Program, Ed reported that Raymond sent a letter stating that the CTAP Grant Program has set aside \$1,200 for each of the 26 CTAP communities under this program to be used toward hiring a grant writer to prepare grant applications. These funds are guaranteed if applied for eligible projects before December 31, 2008. It was decided that Candia's project would be the Prime Wetland Study.

### **Old Business**

#### **Conservation land/easement(s) acquisition status –**

Ed Fowler reported that he received an estimate from Dan Kern of Bear Paw for the transaction cost on the Sander Conservation Easement for the amount of \$10,650.00. Tom Giffen motioned to expend \$10,650 to pay for the transaction cost on the Sander Conservation Easement. This motion amends the previous vote on this same subject. Seconded by Dennis Lewis. J. Lindsey and B. Kruse abstained. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Mr. Fowler opened the discussion regarding the Siemenski property. It was agreed that the town should have the opportunity to hold an executory interest in the Siemenski conservation easement. This would be a similar transaction to the Sander Easement regarding the purchase of the development rights at bargain sale. It was determined the next step is to approach the BOS for their approval. Chairman Fowler said he would arrange to be put on the agenda for the next BOS meeting on December 1, 2008.

#### **Bear-Paw status report –**

Betsy Kruse reported that the Round Table scheduled for December 9 is at the Deerfield Community Church from 7:00 to 9:00 and that a Winter Walk is scheduled for 1:00 on January 24<sup>th</sup> at Harmony Hill Farm in Northwood.

**Forest Management Activities** – There was nothing new to report.

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

#### **Open Space Subcommittee-**

Betsy Kruse reported on the newsletter that will be distributed in the Boy Scout packet in March. It was determined that it would be best to print these prior to December 31 for budget purposes. The board reviewed the newsletter and made a number of suggestions for revisions. After making these revisions, Betsy will email the newsletter to members to review one more time. She will also request LGC to review the newsletter before she submits it to the BOS for approval at the December 1st meeting.

Betsy also reported that Jon Godfrey suggested that they may want to use a visual at the deliberative session showing Candia with open space and green land and then show what it might look like if it were developed. It was decided to discuss this further at the next meeting.

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

## **New Business**

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

### **Future Goals/Vision of CCC –**

The existing Future Goals were reviewed and discussed. It was determined that they need to be simplified. Betsy Kruse volunteered to consolidate, prioritize and reorganize the existing document and bring it to the next meeting for review. The objective is to get the document down to 1.5 pages.

### **Prime Wetlands Study –**

Tom Giffen reported that he investigated what information should be on a RFQ (Request for Qualifications). He had a sample RFQ Template that would be similar to what the CCC needs for the Prime Wetland Study. This includes timeline, description of project, contacts, FAQ, references, portfolio, experience and other general information. It was determined that the CCC as a group needs to develop a RFQ and decide what qualifications they are looking for. Dennis Lewis suggested that we contact some of the 26 towns that have done prime wetlands study and see how/who they found to do their study. Dick Snow volunteered to call Carol Andrews at NHCCC and inquire if (1) they have a list of qualified environmental scientist that could do the study and (2) if they know if anyone has done a RFQ and if so, could we get a copy of it. We need to make certain that we only deal with qualified people to get bids and the person hired will need to give presentations on this issue to the town.

### **Deerfield Road Town Forest Sign –**

Dennis Lewis reported that the post is in and he just needs to attach the sign.

### **Other Business:**

- Judi Lindsey reported that the plaque with the list of Permanently Protected Candia Land has been updated though she needs to get a spelling error corrected.
- Judi questioned if the CCC has an ordinance to protect agricultural land. It was determined that only the BOS can do ordinances. The Zoning Board may want to look into this. The zoning ordinance has a conservation section Judi may want to review.
- The question of recognizing the Sanborn Easement came up and was tabled to next meeting.

A motion to adjourn was made by Tom Giffen and seconded by Judi Lindsey. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Pat Larkin.