

Candia Conservation Commission
Approved
Meeting Minutes – December 16, 2008

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

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Regular Business

Minutes of November 18 were reviewed with the following revisions:

Page 1 under Wetlands Permit Applications, number 3, fourth line, revise “PBM” to read “PBN” (twice); Page 2, sixth line, revise the name “Evan” to read “Eben”.

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:

Brown Road project: The CCC reviewed documents that Schauer Environmental Consultants submitted to support a permit amendment to permit #2007-00885. Previously this project included a 12-unit housing project on 50 acres with wetlands impact of 7640 square feet. Based on the denial of the multi unit project by the town of Candia, the project proponent is now proposing to subdivide the property into 2 lots. This request does not meet the requirements for a new application based on the definition of significant amendment. Specific changes to the project include permit name change, impact reduction from 7640 sq ft to 6935 sq ft, omitted wetland crossing of 705 sq ft, change 12 lot to 2 lot subdivision, change roadway to driveway and reduce disturbed contiguous area eliminating need for alteration of terrain permit.

Crowley Road project: Harbor Street Limited Partnership received approval from DES for wetlands permit #2008-01471 to dredge and fill a total of 9980 square feet of wetlands to construct 10 driveway culvert crossings to access single family building sites in this 10 lot residential subdivision on 152 acres of land. The decision was approved based on the following findings: this is a minor impact project, the need for proposed impacts has been demonstrated by applicant, the applicant has provided evidence which demonstrates this proposal is the alternative with the least impact, the applicant has demonstrated by plan and example that each factor listed in the rules and requirements for application has been considered in the design of the project, and the field survey reports no impacts to vernal pools within the project area.

DES to Manchester Water Works: Sent a letter to acknowledge receipt of notification of forest management or timber harvest activities having minimum wetlands impact. Regarding Candia lot 411-4.

Land Use, Wetlands, Enforcement Issues, Planning Board –

There was nothing new to report.

Correspondence – Ed Fowler reported on the following:

1. Received information from Certified Erosion Control regarding storm water runoff. Information will be kept on file.

2. Shared with the Commission a newsletter called Tidelines from the coastal conservation organization of New Hampshire.
3. Received a letter from SNHPC regarding CTAP and the Open Space Planning Program. They are seeking a commitment from interested towns to participate in the Open Space Program. If we wish to be considered to receive support in developing or updating the Open Space Plan, we need to respond by the end of this year. The commitment involves matching funds and volunteer members from all town organizations. After much discussion it was determined that Candia's open space plan that was done in 2001 is still adequate so it is not necessary at this time to seek support to update it, especially since it would require a huge commitment in time and people.

Budget Update/Approval of Outstanding Payments/Invoices –

Dick Snow reported that there is \$517.67 remaining in the budget. A report on Year-to-Date Expenditures was reviewed. It was discussed and decided that the cost for the printing of the Open Space Subcommittee newsletter should come out of the 2008 budget. Cost should not exceed \$400. The printer is waiting for a final draft before printing. Judi Lindsey volunteered to present the newsletter to the Selectmen for final approval at the BOS meeting on December 22. A motion was made by Tom Giffen to pay the Lamprey Watershed Association \$100, Bear Paw \$100, and NHACC \$250 invoices for 2009 membership. Seconded by Dick Snow. J. Lindsey and B. Kruse abstained. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Conservation Commission Website – There was nothing new to report.

Lamprey River Watershed Association –

Dick Snow reported that all the towns (Deerfield, Candia, Raymond and Northwood) are now involved and he would continue his work with the River Management Program.

Old Business

Conservation land/easement(s) acquisition status –

Siemski Easement: Ed Fowler reported that the request to the Selectmen to consider for the town to hold an executory interest in the Siemski conservation easement was tabled until the BOS has an opportunity to review the Conservation Easement draft for the Sander property that Bear Paw is working on with the Trust.

Bear-Paw status report –

Betsy Kruse reported that a Winter Walk is scheduled on January 24th at Harmony Hill Farm in Northwood and the annual meeting will be held on February 14, 2009.

Forest Management Activities –

The plan for Forest Management was discussed. Maps prepared by Jim Franklin (pro-bono) showing conservation land on lots 412-3 and 412-4 (Hemlock Drive area) were reviewed. Ed Fowler reported that an invoice was received for survey work done by Jim Franklin to clarify contested boundary lines between Girard and Young properties. A motion was made by Tom Giffen to pay Jim Franklin the amount of \$1,080.00 with funds to come from the Forest Management Fund. Seconded by Judi Lindsey. All were in favor. Motion carried.

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

Open Space Subcommittee-

Judi Lindsey reported: Previously discussed and reported in the meeting were the Sanborn recognition and the newsletter.

Judi questioned the need to have the Open Space Subcommittee continue since members have dwindled. It was determined that due to Right to Know law 91A and the fact that members are appointed, the subcommittee does need to remain intact but they could incorporate their meetings with the CCC meetings and only meet separately when necessary.

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

New Business

Proposed Riparian Buffer Ordinance – There was nothing to report.

Future Goals/Vision of CCC –

The existing Future Goals were reviewed and discussed. It was determined that they need to be simplified even further and condensed to one page. The CCC made many revisions and suggestions and Betsy Kruse volunteered to continue working on them and will bring the revised version to the next meeting.

Prime Wetlands Study –

Dick Snow received a list from NHACC of five qualified environmental scientists. They include Mark West, Rick Van de Poll, Nancy Rendall, Jeff Littleton and Chris Kane. Tom Giffen will send these specialists a RFQ with a deadline of February 20, 2009.

Sanborn Public Recognition –

It was decided that the Agricultural Day held at the Moore School in the spring would be a good day to publicly thank the Sanborn's for their agricultural easement.

Citizens' Petition for SB381-

Warrant article deadline is January 13th. It was decided that the Secretary would draft a petition and distribute to CCC members to gather signatures. Return these to Ed Fowler by January 9.

Other Business:

Bowman conservation easement: Charlie Bowman has inquired about putting a conservation easement on his property on High Street. It was agreed that Ed Fowler would contact Charlie Bowman regarding his inquiry.

A motion to adjourn was made by Tom Giffen and seconded by Judi Lindsey. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Pat Larkin.