

Candia Conservation Commission

Approved

Meeting Minutes – May 19, 2009

Present: Acting Chair Betsy Kruse, Dennis Lewis, Judi Lindsey, Joe Miele, Richard Snow, Ellie Davidson, Debra Levesque, volunteer Ed Fowler and invited guest Dave Ickes.

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Continuation of Sander Easement Hearing

B. Kruse and Selectman C. Robie reviewed the mitigation proposal and the outcome of the Sander Easement Hearing on March 31. It was explained that the Hearing was continued until tonight in order to give the BOS time to meet with Lori Sommers of DES and town council Bart Mayer to investigate/discuss possible language to include mitigation in the Sander Easement.

C. Robie reported that Bart Mayer has corresponded with Lori Sommers of DES in an attempt to schedule a meeting with state and federal officials to discuss the mitigation proposal.

This new concept will require cooperation among the state, federal and local governments and is going to take a considerable amount of time before this is finalized.

C. Robie stated that Bart Mayer is working on specific language to propose for the Sander Easement.

E. Fowler reported he had received a copy of an email from Steve Couture, a NHDES Rivers Coordinator, to Lori Sommers and Jack Munn at SNHPC, which was the wording for an amendment in Hooksett. This amendment asks “Are you in favor of adopting amendment... by adding section G5 compensatory mitigation fee...which would require projects that have encroachment within a wetland setback or impacts the wetlands to pay a mitigation fee to the Hooksett Conservation Commission which would be used for the acquisition of or protection of wetlands or other conservation purposes.” This amendment passed in Hooksett. F. Kelley said he would pass this information on to Bart Mayer.

B. Kruse stated that the Sander family might decide to subdivide the property before the conservation easement gets finalized. The BOS felt this would give them more time to work on the mitigation language for the Sander easement and all future easements.

It was decided to close the current public hearing and call a new one only if necessary. The BOS agreed to attend the CCC monthly meetings and provide updates until this is resolved. Other information will be shared as received with Dick Snow acting as liaison between the BOS and CCC.

Public Hearing closed at 7:24 pm.

Public to address the Commission

Residents Peter Mastro and Kathy Tierny from Island Road reported they had found a Blandings turtle near their property. They sought advice from the Audubon Society who put them in touch with an expert from Epping. This woman checked out the endangered turtle and said it was healthy and approximately 50 years old. They released the turtle the next day and provided the CCC with photos. They also sighted a wood turtle. The sighting information has been recorded on the CCC website. Discussion followed regarding the Wildlife Sightings Form and it was agreed that the Commission should continue to have them available at the Town Office building.

Regular Business

Minutes of April 21 were reviewed. **J. Lindsey motioned** to accept the minutes as written, seconded by E. Davidson. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Wetlands Permit Applications – There was nothing new to report.

Land Use, Wetlands, Enforcement Issues, Planning Board – Dennis Lewis reported that Harbor Street/Crowley Road is going to bring the money for the road repairs by May 29th and get the Planning Board signatures on the plan as required.

There was discussion regarding the exit 3/Danais project. There is no deadline for when his approval ends. Mr. Danais needs to come back to the planning board for continuation on certain conditions and he is required to adhere to architectural standards.

Correspondence – Betsy Kruse reported on the following:

- The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Planners' Roundtable Meeting is scheduled for June 24, 2009.
- DES Newsletter is available for reading.
- Correspondence from NHDES Wetlands Bureau in response to John Cole's request for reconsideration of permit #2009-00097. This request was to overturn the 2-18-09 decision to approve a permit to fill 2,984 square feet of limited function forested wetland for access and lot development to construct a single-family residential dwelling by David and Gwen Paprocki. The DES reaffirmed their approval decision. Reasons for denying reconsideration were given as: 1. Final review of the information submitted by the applicant shows additional wetlands existing on the subject parcel than was originally delineated in 1998. 2. Final review of the information submitted by the complainant fails to provide significant new information that would warrant a department reversal of the approved wetlands permit.

Budget Update/Approval of Outstanding Payments/Invoices – Dick Snow reported reimbursement request have been sent in and should be paid this week.

Conservation Commission Website – Joe Miele reported that the Blandings turtle sighting had been added to the website. **D. Snow motioned** to reimburse Joe Miele approximately \$18.00 for the website domain name fee. Seconded by J. Lindsey. All in favor. Motion carried.

Lamprey River Watershed Association – Dick Snow reported that the Lamprey River Watershed Symposium has been scheduled for June 13, 2009. It is a daylong event and will be held at the town office building in Nottingham. D. Snow will get invitations to members of the other Boards that may be interested.

Old Business

Conservation Land/Easement(s) Acquisition Status –

- Agricultural Day: Has been rescheduled for Thursday, June 4th. All previous plans are still in place. J. Lindsey displayed the plaque that will be presented to the Arthur and Betty Sanborn in recognition of their Agricultural Easement.
- The Siemenski Easement is still on hold until the Sander easement language is finalized. Ed Fowler has agreed to continue with this process.

Bear-Paw Status Report – Betsy Kruse reported that a Biothon has been scheduled for June 6th at the Freese Town Forest in Deerfield. A Biothon is when teams of skilled naturalist compete to identify and inventory as many plant and animal species as possible. Data from past Biothons have been used on grant applications. Invitations and pledge forms are available at the town office and on the Bear-Paw website. If you pledge early, you may be invited to participate in a wildflower walk.

Forest Management Activities – Dennis Lewis reported that Ben Lewis would have the parking area at the Deerfield Road Town Forest completed by the June meeting.

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

Open Space Subcommittee – There was nothing new to report.

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

New Business

Proposed Riparian Buffer Ordinance – The Ordinance is on hold pending action by Jack Munn.

Prime Wetlands Study – Ed Fowler reported that RFP's were sent to all five applicants. Mark West met with Ed to review the Open Space maps from SNHPC. Sharon Carrier from the Land Use office showed them overlays of all natural resources that were done in 2005 by SNHPC. The Commission was not aware these existed. Sharon checked with Jack Munn to see if a report was available that went with the maps, but there is not. It was agreed that this information should be made available to the other four people doing proposals. All proposals should be received in time to review them at the next CCC meeting.

Other Business

- Cost of Community Services project is progressing.
- All new members/alternates have been approved by the BOS and need to be sworn in.
- D. Snow will research what the status is on the request for a town wide board meeting.
- Duties/responsibilities of Chairperson was discussed.
- D. Snow is continuing to work on the Triangle Beautification project.
- J. Lindsey volunteered to do Public Relations for the Commission.

J. Lindsey motioned to adjourn at 8:45 pm. D. Levesque seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Pat Larkin - Conservation Commission Secretary