

Candia Conservation Commission
Approved
Meeting Minutes – June 16, 2009

Present: Acting Chair Betsy Kruse, Susan Wilderman, Dennis Lewis, Richard Snow, Ellie Davidson, and guest Dave Ickes. Judi Lindsey present as of 7:40.

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Update on Sander Easement Mitigation Language – Board of Selectmen representatives were not present to report. D. Snow stated he was not aware of any new developments. B. Kruse reported that a meeting has been scheduled to discuss mitigation language for July 10th with E. Fowler, Attorney Bart Mayer, Board of Selectmen and DES.

Election of Officers: Acting Chair B Kruse moved to change of order of agenda to allow for election of officers prior to regular business. B. Kruse nominated Susan Wilderman for Chair of the Conservation Commission. Seconded by E. Davidson. All were in favor.

New Chair S. Wilderman resumed facilitating the meeting.

D. Snow nominated Dave Ickes as Conservation Commission Alternate Member. Seconded by D. Lewis. All were in favor. Dave will submit letter of interest to the Board of Selectmen.

Regular Business

Minutes of May 19 were reviewed and the following revisions were made: P. 1, under “Present” revise “Iskes” to “Ickes” and on p. 1 under “Continuation of Sander Easement”, Line 12 revise “Summer” to “Sommers”. **B. Kruse motioned** to accept the minutes as amended, seconded by E. Davidson. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Wetlands Permit Applications – S. Wilderman reported that the CCC has received the following:

- Forest Notification from DES for Timber Harvesting on Map/Lot 406/112.
- Forest Notification from DES for Timber Harvesting on Map/Lot 414/90
- Letter of Compliance for Dennis & Diane Levesque on Palmer Road property.

Land Use, Wetlands, Enforcement Issues, Planning Board – J. Lindsey reported that the Planning Board signed the plans for Crowley Rd. development.

Correspondence – S. Wilderman reported on the following:

- SNHPC grant has come through for Amendment to Scope of Work.
- SNHPC newsletter *Visions*
- A number of notices regarding upcoming meetings, lectures, and workshops were distributed for anyone interested.
- B. Kruse shared an email she received from David Preece announcing a showing of the documentary *Liquid Assets*, followed by a panel discussion on June 23.
- B. Kruse shared a note from Betty and Arthur Sanborn in appreciation of the event held in their honor at Agricultural Day.

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

Conservation Commission Website – B. Kruse reported for J. Miele that the website domain name fee has been paid.

Lamprey River Watershed Association – Members who attended the Lamprey Watershed Symposium reported on the event. All felt it was very informative. S. Wilderman explained to the Commission the concerns regarding the estuary that were discussed, one of which is the rise in nitrates in the Lamprey River and the dangerous impact that is having all along the watershed, including drinking water in wells. What can be done in the watershed to help prevent nitrate levels from rising was discussed. The majority of where the problems arise is from the area around the feeder streams and they are losing their capacity to take care of the problem because of poor management of forestry activity and development that is being allowed. The challenge lies in correcting the poor management of small wetlands. Soon a TMDL (total maximum daily load) will be written for nitrates, which will be an expensive proposition for towns in the watershed. The TMDL would regulate how much nitrates are allowed in the water in a certain area and if an area were too high, the town would have to pay for mitigation for it. This all falls under the legislation of the Clean Water Act. The Prime Wetland Study will help Candia better manage these areas. Road salt is another issue of concern.

J. Lindsey reported that she was inspired by a map of hidden treasures of the backcountry roads of the Lamprey River and volunteered to create one for Candia. It was decided to get sponsors to pay for ads on the map to cover cost of printing.

Old Business

Conservation Land/Easement(s) Acquisition Status – Betsy Kruse reported Bear-Paw is working on a major project in Hooksett, part of which includes 8-9 acres in Candia. Dan Kern, the Executive Director of Bear-Paw would like to speak to the Commission regarding possible interest in purchase of the property or placing an easement on the property. He will be invited to address the Commission at the July meeting.

The Commission was informed by Bear-Paw that B. Lewis needs to submit a written plan for his project on the Deerfield Rd. town property and that all future projects done on any easement property will require a written plan submitted to the easement holder 30 days in advance.

J. Lindsey suggested they advertise a “grand opening of Deerfield Rd. trails” at Old Home Day.

D. Lewis will check with the Scouts to see if they may be interested in a project of cleaning, marking, and maintaining the trail. B. Kruse inquired about getting small copies of the updated tax maps. R. Snow stated he would get a set from the Selectmen’s office.

Bear-Paw Status Report – Nothing new to report besides what was previously discussed.

Forest Management Activities – D. Snow reported that he would contact Charlie Moreno regarding the Forest Management plans. D. Lewis thought the Commission had a list of which lots Charlie was asked to create plans for. S. Wilderman will look into this.

Commission Properties Access Planning and Requests – There was nothing new to report. Commission discussed the necessity of keeping this item on the monthly agenda. The general consensus was it should remain.

Open Space Subcommittee – J. Lindsey reported that she has been giving talks to the students at the Moore School regarding Open Space, Bear-Paw, the Biothon and other conservation issues. B. Kruse reported that Agriculture Day was very successful and the Sanborn's were very touched by the event in their honor. Their acceptance speech along with photographs of the event will be added to the website.

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

New Business

Proposed Riparian Buffer Ordinance – This is on hold pending action by Jack Munn. It was suggested the Ordinance be done as a follow-up of the results of the Prime Wetlands Study. B. Kruse will invite Jack Munn to attend the July CCC meeting.

Prime Wetlands Study – The CCC has received three proposals so far, all of which are very different and include some very good information with cost estimates ranging from \$20-35,000. A subcommittee was formed consisting of E. Fowler, S. Wilderman, B. Kruse and E. Davidson who will review the proposals and report on them at the July meeting. B. Kruse will check if the other two proposals were sent to the town office or to E. Fowler directly.

Other Business

- Old Home Day is scheduled for August 29, 2009. B. Kruse will submit the application to reserve a space at Old Home Day. Some ideas of what to have at the booth: "Hidden Treasures" map, CCC pamphlets (D. Snow will make more copies), large maps, J. Lindsey's animal skins etc., possibly a raffle. E. Davidson will seek donations for door/raffle prizes. More discussion will follow at the July meeting.

B. Kruse motioned to adjourn at 8:50 pm. J. Lindsey seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Pat Larkin - Conservation Commission Secretary