

Candia Conservation Commission
Approved
Meeting Minutes – August 18, 2009

Present: Chair Susan Wilderman, Dennis Lewis, Richard Snow, Ellie Davidson, Dave Ickes and Deb Levesque. Guests: Selectman Carleton Robie, Selectman Fred Kelley, and Jim Hadley.

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

Update on Sander Easement Language– Selectmen Carleton Robie and Fred Kelley reported they had received correspondence from Dan Kern of Bear-Paw regarding the mitigation language to be used in the Sander Easement upon agreement of all parties involved. The Selectmen agree with the language and they are now waiting for approval from the State. They would like Nancy Randall from Blue Moon Environmental to do the wetlands evaluation. The Sander Trust needs to give permission for Ms. Randall to do the work but first the Trust needs to contact Phil Auger to find out what is required. It was agreed that the Town of Candia would cover the expense of this wetlands evaluation. D. Lewis asked if the selectmen would present a warrant article requesting all mitigation money to go back into the conservation fund to replenish what gets spent. They agreed this would be best to assure the funds are properly placed.

Lamprey River Watershed Association - Jim Hadley of the Lamprey River Headwaters Nomination Committee addressed the commission. He reviewed a handout that contained information about the Lamprey River Watershed and a variety of projects they are working on along with other items of interest. He asked if the Commission would write a letter of support for the application to the National Park Service for assistance from the state director to help with their work with the Lamprey River Watershed. It was agreed that the commission would write a letter of support.

Regular Business

Minutes of July 21 were reviewed and the following revisions were made:

- p. 1, 3rd paragraph, add: “Carleton Robie reported on the June 10, 2009 meeting in Concord to discuss mitigation language. J. Lindsay, Fred Kelly, Ed Fowler, Dan Kern, Town Attorney Bart Mayer, Lori Sommers from DES and a representative from the Core of Engineers were in attendance. The State wants information on the property including wetlands soils, upland soils, and any culverts that can be used in the future. Once this is done then a plan can be submitted to the State.”
- p.1, 5th paragraph, add: “Dan will forward mitigation language that has been proposed for the Sander easement.”
- p.1, 6th paragraph, add: “Bear-Paw Hooksett Proposal – Hooksett Clay Head Waters Project.”
- p. 1, 8th paragraph, add “he and Phil Auger” and “be similar easement language to Hooksett’s but it would be in a separate easement.” and “L-Chip”
- p.2, 1st paragraph, add: “and at” “Rt.”
- p.2, 5th paragraph, add: “he”
- p.3, 1st paragraph, add: “A DES Cruise”, “should have” , “Ellie will fill out form.”
- p.3, 2nd paragraph, add: “Sanborn’s”

- p.3, 5th paragraph add: “Jim Lindsey was suggested as a possible participant.”
- p.3, 7th paragraph, add: “B. Kruse” “The” “Roundtable would be” “want” “the second session of “, “It would be “, “workshop”, and “from”.
- p. 4, 2nd paragraph, add “E. Davidson”
- p. 4, 11th paragraph, revise “Snow” to “Weeks”

D. Snow motioned to accept the minutes as amended, seconded by D. Levesque. All were in favor. Motion carried.

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

- A letter from DES regarding Liquid Planet stating that a copy of the recorded easement has not been filed and failure to comply could result in permit revocation (amongst other things). This easement has not been completed. Kevin Dumont should respond to DES regarding this matter.

Land Use, Wetlands, Enforcement Issues, Planning Board – D. Lewis reported that the development on Brown Rd was delayed.

Correspondence – S. Wilderman reported on the following:

- NH Drinking Water Supply Protection Newsletter.

Budget Update/Approval of Outstanding Payments/Invoices – D. Snow reported that the 2010 budget is due 9/11/09. He explained that because in 2009 the town voted for the default budget, we actually received \$2,600 instead of the \$2,400 that the commission requested. This will allow the commission to pay the three annual dues for 2010 in December 2009 (as usual) and get back on schedule. He needed to supply the Budget Committee with a “projected financial position” for the remainder of the year; he just doubled what the expenses were for the first six months. The budget was reviewed. It was stated that this past year, the Selectmen moved the remaining funds from the Conservation budget into the general fund, which is not legal per town vote. That left no excess funds in the budget for this year. It was decided that the budget for 2010 would remain at \$2,400.

D. Snow made a motion “to pay the latest invoice from Jim Franklin out of the Conservation Fund”, second by E. Davidson. All were in favor. Motion carries.

Conservation Commission Website – There was nothing new to report.

Lamprey River Watershed Association – D. Snow reported that he and Jim Lindsey walked three sections for the Lamprey River Watershed Association Stream Walk and found it very interesting.

Old Business

Conservation Land/Easement(s) Acquisition Status – D. Snow had a phone call from a resident regarding a 30-acre piece of property for which they are interested in pursuing a possible conservation easement. He will contact them and make arrangements for someone from Bear-Paw to speak with them.

Bear-Paw Status Report – There was nothing new to report

Forest Management Activities – D. Snow reported that he would contact Charlie Moreno regarding Forest Management plans.

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

Open Space Subcommittee – There was nothing new to report

Old Home Day – is scheduled for August 29. Plans were discussed and the following decided: Deb is bringing 2 tables, chairs, a jar for tickets, and rocks. Dave will pick up 2 tables from the library on Friday night and Dennis will return them on Monday. Tents are available from the Fitts Museum. Staffing: Ellie in the morning, Judi in the late afternoon, Deb and Susan available all day. Deb and Susan can staff if it's postponed until Sunday. Set up is at 9:00 am and take down is at 5:00 pm.

Prime Wetlands Study/NRI – S. Wilderman reported that Jeff Littleton is very interested in getting started with the NRI. He is willing to help out with grants to fund the second part of the project. He submitted a timeline for the project that would start this fall, work through phase one, and would wrap up in the spring. It was agreed that he would be paid \$5000.00 for phase one from the conservation fund. Phase one would serve as a segway into the wetland evaluations that would start in the spring and continue until fall 2010. He questioned if the CCC would like to host the first of the two community forums sometime this fall. The first forum is geared towards introducing the project and getting a sense from the community what the strengths and challenges of growth in natural resource in Candia are as well as to identify some of the towns more special areas. It's a good opportunity for the community to become engaged with the project. The Commission discussed the feasibility of hosting such a forum and decided that mid-November would be the best time to do so. It was decided to have sign at Old Home Day announcing the Forum in the fall and to watch for more information.

Mr. Littleton also questioned if the commission is willing to provide funding for his assistance with grant writing. It was determined that more information is needed before that decision can be made. Chair Wilderman will invite Mr. Littleton to the September 15th meeting.

Other Business

D. Snow motioned to adjourn at 8:25 pm. D. Levesque seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.