

**CANDIA PLANNING BOARD
PUBLIC HEARING
MINUTES of February 18, 2009
APPROVED**

Present: Mary Girard, Chair; Kim Byrd, Vice Chair; Judi Lindsey; Sean James; Joe Duarte, Selectmen's Rep Amanda Soares, Alternate; Scott Komisarek; Fred Kelley, Chair Board of Selectmen; Ed Fowler, Conservation Committee; Dick Snow, Conservation Committee; Deborah Levesque, Heritage Commission

Absent: Garrick Asselin

Chair Girard called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Joint CTAP Road Map Planning Workshop with SNHPC

Jack Munn and Mary Brudage were present from SNHPC. A CTAP overview packet was handed out. It contained a summary of the community technical assistance programs. J. Munn explained that with the I93 expansion, DOT set aside 2 million dollars to provide local technical assistance to 26 communities in the corridor. He said the CTAP is a 5 year initiative, which started in 2007 and has 3 more years to go and encouraged the Town of Candia to apply for the remaining grants as he was not sure how long the funding would be in place.

J. Munn said there are 2 funding sources still available. There is a grant for \$10,000 for discretionary/targeted local funding and another \$10,000 available for a collaborative plan with another town. This grant can be used to work with a neighboring town for example on road corridor safety issues, mutual aid agreements, or to work together to combine purchases such as road salt for cost savings.

J. Munn said he would put together a report from tonight's recommendations on a list of projects that the Town wants to do within the next few years. This list will be given to the DOT, so when the town applies for the grants, DOT can see what plans the town has in place for future programs broken down by importance.

The Board identified areas that Candia would like to work on such as developing a 4 Corner Village Master Plan, source water protection plan, energy committee to help cut costs in Town owned buildings, workforce/affordable housing, develop a low impact study that includes storm water run off of impervious/pervious surfaces, agricultural land audit, develop a agricultural commission, a farm stand, a natural ground resources inventory that includes wildlife habitat and an assessment of a series of natural resources maps also need to be updated. The master plan was included but as a low importance action item.

J. Munn said that a source water protection study was done by SNHPC under a grant they received which involved 2 other communities. SNHPC can present this study to the Town and give their recommendations. He said this presentation can be done when ever the board wants to see it. Also completed is a GIS, aerial photography. This study was done for all towns impacted in the I93 corridor. The Town can contact Amy at SNHPC to get a copy. A build out study has been done per Chair Girard.

F. Kelley said the Town is working with an engineer on the traffic intersection plan for the intersection of route 27 and Old Raymond Road. Another intersection that needs attention has eminent domain issues. S. Komisarek asked if the 4 corner intersection could be included as it has safety issues. This intersection has eminent domain issues as well. Chair Girard said sidewalks from the school to the library are a safety issue and have been discussed before but because it is a state road the state has to become involved. S. James asked if the Town could get grants to help with this issue. Sidewalks from the school to the CYAA building have been an issue as well.

J. Munn discussed Brown fields work and suggested another meeting to work on identifying properties in Candia. Once identified, NH DES has money and can offer solutions that could benefit property owners. S. Komisarek said he would like to volunteer to work on Brown fields.

A roundabout at exit 3 was discussed. F. Kelley felt the Town should wait until development is done at the exit.

E. Fowler asked about a COCS analysis (cost of community analysis). This analysis would identify Candia's rate of residential development in services versus return in taxes. He said he contacted Innovated Natural Resource Solutions Organization out of Keene and it would cost \$5,000 for this study. He asked if the balance of the CTAP funds from the first grant could be used for this study. Chair Girard said the grant was to be used for impact fees. She said that J. Munn was going to look into a school impact fee to see if the study is feasible and use the balance of the grant for that project. J. Lindsey suggested that J. Munn contact Karen Lessard directly. She said the school needs to repair a sinkhole in the parking lot where children play. J. Munn said he would assess whether it is feasible to do the school impact fee study. He would also look at the master plan to see what goals the School has listed.

E. Fowler said another source of funds for this study could come from NH Current Use. They offer a \$2500 grant to towns who are interested in doing a COCS. He said he would call and start the process and asked if the remaining balance of \$2,500 could come from the CTAP money if any was left over.

J. Munn said there is some grant money available in addition to the other two grants for an Open Space Planning Study. Towns must apply for the grant because there is not enough money for every town. If a town is selected, they would get \$10,000 for this study. E. Fowler clarified that the Town could apply without matching funds. The application is due Friday February 27, 2009. The following volunteered to be named on the committee for the application for the Open Space Planning Study: J. Lindsey, Open Space Committee rep., K. Byrd Budget Committee rep, Amanda Soares ZBA rep, Mary Chair, Planning Board rep, Fred Kelley Board of Selectmen rep, E. Fowler, Historical Society, Debbie Lévesque, Heritage Committee.

S. James asked if J. Munn could combine a workshop. He suggested an affordable housing combined with an innovative ordinance workshop. J. Duarte said the Town needs affordable housing to help create a balance of young people to bring a fresh perspective to the town. E. Fowler suggested using soil based methodology for housing lot size, enough to support septic and well to keep the lots small and affordable.

J. Munn said this was a great start and would prepare a summarized report. He said he would make arrangements with the Planning Board to set up the workshop and suggested inviting other boards to attend. Chair Girard thanked J. Munn and M. Brudage for their presentation.

Other Business

It was the consensus of the Board to cancel the March 4, 2009 Planning Board meeting. The next Planning Board meeting is March 18, 2009.

Review of minutes 1/9/2009, 2/4/2009

Review of minutes 1/9/09, 2/4/09 were postponed until March 18, 2009.

The Board adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Carrier
Land Use Secretary