

Candia Conservation Commission
Approved
Meeting Minutes – September 21, 2010

Present: Susan Wilderman, Dennis Lewis, Deb Levesque, Betsy Kruse, and Ellie Davidson

Meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Chairperson Wilderman

Regular Business

Minutes of August 17, 2010 meeting were reviewed. **B. Kruse motioned** to accept minutes as written, seconded by E. Davidson. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Minutes of July 20, 2010 were reviewed. **D. Lewis motioned** to accept minutes as written, seconded by D. Levesque. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Conservation Land/Easement Acquisition Status-

- The Rand Easement has been completed. The Public Hearing was held on September 16th and Board of Selectmen has accepted it. S. Wilderman will write a thank you note to the Rands.
- Siemenski easement is still in process.
- Potential Gunnerson easement: Conservation Commission is still interested. A site walk needs to be conducted. Possible dates for a site walk are October 3rd or 4th.

Wetlands Permit Applications – No permits were received for review.

Land Use, Wetlands, Enforcement Issues, and Planning Board – Nothing new to discuss

Correspondence – The following items were available for review:

- The NRI Report and maps have been received. Jeff Littleton would appreciate the CCC members to review the documents and send him any comments by October 5th.

Budget Update/Approval of Outstanding Payments/Invoices –

- **B. Kruse motioned** to authorize payment of \$500 from the Conservation Fund to Jim Franklin for work completed on the Rand Easement, seconded by E. Davidson. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- **B. Kruse motioned** to authorize payment of \$500 from the Conservation Fund to Jeff Littleton of Moosewood Ecological for work completed on the NRI during the month of August, seconded by D. Levesque. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- **B. Kruse motioned** to authorize payment of \$1,675 from the Conservation Fund to Attorney Mark Dunn for work completed on the Rand Easement, seconded by E. Davidson. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- **B. Kruse motioned** to authorize payment of \$204 from the Conservation Budget to CCC secretary Pat Larkin for work completed from January- August, 2010, seconded by E. Davidson. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Conservation Commission Website – Nothing new to report

Lamprey River Watershed Association – Nothing new to report

Old Business

Bear-Paw Status Report – B. Kruse reported that Bear-Paw is hosting several fundraising events with the aim of raising \$500,000 for the Evans Mountain campaign. In addition, there will be a Round Table in November with a focus on creating and managing trails on town property. The Annual Meeting will be held on February 13, 2011; David Foster will be the guest speaker.

Forest Management / Management Plans for Town Land – Nothing new to report.

Commission Properties Access Planning and Requests – There were no request submitted.

Open Space Plan Update Committee – The committee plans to incorporate the information in the NRI into their Plan. The Build Out Maps project is still in process. It was discussed that once the NRI Report is finalized the CCC would like to share this information with the Planning Board and the Zoning Review and Revision Committee.

NRI Study –

- Jeff Littleton requested feedback on NRI Report (see “Correspondence”)
- The possibility of having a Prime Wetlands Study was discussed. It was determined that more research needs to be done and thought given to hosting a presentation. This will be discussed further at the October meeting.

Other Business:

Stewardship of Properties – S. Wilderman will create a list of properties that need to be inspected and email it to the members.

Newsletter – B. Kruse has volunteered to work on the CCC Newsletter that will be distributed in the Town Report Packet in March. Content and format was discussed. Betsy will try to have a draft completed by the October meeting.

Boy Scout Project – Tabled until next meeting

Trail Grants – Tabled to next meeting.

Effectiveness and Impact at Old Home Day – Members discussed how to improve the CCC presentation at Old Home Day. Suggestions included: (1) reach a variety of age groups, (2) host an early morning, family –friendly field trip and (3) invite other town organizations and the public to share ideas and conversation under the tent (create a schedule of topics for conversation).

B. Kruse motioned to adjourn at 8:19, seconded by D. Lévesque. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted
Pat Larkin - Conservation Commission Secretary