

Candia Conservation Commission
Approved
Meeting Minutes – October 19, 2010

Present: Susan Wilderman, Dennis Lewis, Deb Levesque, Betsy Kruse, Ellie Davidson, Judi Lindsey, Dick Snow and Dave Ickes.

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

Guests to address the Commission:

Boyd Chivers presented a plan to build a new, small pond on his property. As part of the application process, the DES requested that the CCC visit the site with DES to evaluate the project and give their recommendation when the application is submitted. This project would impact 450' of hydric soil and 200' along one edge of Ward Brook. It would conform to the minor impact dredge and fill requirements of under 20,000 square feet and consist of upland soil. In exchange for the impact on Ward Brook, Mr. Chivers is proposing compensatory mitigation. Runoff from the highway has caused a lot of scouring and erosion, so to mitigate the impact on Ward Brook, he would like to create a perched wetland area and plant wetland species which would filter the runoff from the highway before it gets to Ward Brook. This project would create no change in the volume or flow of the water. Some dates for the site walk were suggested and Mr. Chivers will schedule a time and inform the members via email.

Resident Paul McHugh inquired if the Commission had any knowledge of the reason for the extensive surveying being done on the intersection of Brown Rd and Old Candia Rd. He was informed that nothing official has come before the Conservation Commission.

Regular Business

Minutes of September 21, 2010 meeting were reviewed. **J. Lindsey motioned** to accept minutes as written, seconded by E. Davidson. D. Snow abstained, all others were in favor. Motion carried.

Conservation Land/Easement Acquisition Status-

- The Rand Easement has been finalized; a thank you note was received from the Rands.
- J. Lindsey volunteered to update the plaque in the meeting room to include the (Gagne) Knowlton Road, (Rand) High Street and Deerfield Road easements.
- Gunnerson easement: The site walk was postponed until October 22nd. More information will be available at the next meeting.

Wetlands Permit Applications – No permits were received for review.

Land Use, Wetlands, Enforcement Issues, and Planning Board –

- Diane Philbrick spoke at the last Planning Board meeting regarding the formation of an Agricultural Commission. A warrant article will be presented on the March ballot.
- It was suggested the build out maps and the NRI should be incorporated into the Master Plan.

Correspondence – The following items were available for review:

- UNH Forest Laws Workshop on November 9th in Chester
- NH Association of Conservation Commissions - has helpful information on website
- Correspondence from Michael Ernstoff of California regarding his letter sent in January 2009 seeking consideration of doing a land-swap of a piece of his property on Flint Road for a piece of town owned property on Flint Road. **B. Kruse motioned** to have Chair Wilderman reply to Mr. Ernstoff that the Conservation Commission does not have the authority to consider his request, seconded by J. Lindsey. D. Snow abstained, all others in favor. Motion carried.

Budget Update/Approval of Outstanding Payments/Invoices –

- **D. Snow motioned** to authorize payment of \$6,636.52 from the Conservation Fund to Southeast Land Trust of NH for their share of the work done on the Rand Conservation Easement, seconded by B. Kruse. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- **D. Snow motioned** to authorize payment of \$500 from the Conservation Fund to Jeff Littleton of Moosewood Ecological for work completed on the NRI report during the months of September and October, seconded by B. Kruse. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- S. Wilderman will check with Jeff Littleton regarding his plans to present the NRI to the Planning Board.
- The NH Association of Conservation Commissions is holding their 40th Annual Meeting Conference on November 6th. D. Snow will attend, and possibly E. Davidson, and will submit invoice(s) for reimbursement.

Conservation Commission Website – Nothing new to report

Lamprey River Watershed Association –The annual meeting is next month.

Old Business

Bear-Paw Status Report – B. Kruse reported that Bear-Paw has several field trips scheduled. 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 – D. Snow will schedule a time with C. Moreno and the Water Works forester to walk the property.

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

Open Space Plan Update Committee – Nothing new to report.

Stewardship of Properties- S. Wilderman emailed the list of 17 properties that need to be monitored. She determined that the 17 properties can be consolidated into approximately 10 trips. Three of the properties on New Boston Road have been completed. Susan will resend the list for people to sign up. These could be advertised as “public walks”.

Newsletter Update- The draft newsletter was reviewed and several changes were suggested. Warrant Article wording needs to be finalized by December meeting to be included in the newsletter. D. Snow will submit a copy of the final draft to the BOS. B. Kruse will make the suggested revisions and email the next draft for the commission to review. Deadline for final newsletter is November 19th.

Other Business:

Boy Scout Project – The bridge on the New Boston Road property needs to be reset and repaired. D. Lewis will check on it and report if this would be a good project for the Scouts to help with.

Trail Grants – Tabled to next meeting.

J. Lindsey reported that a meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 26th to discuss possible uses of the old landfill on New Boston Road.

J. Lindsey reported that she will attend the Student Conservation Association meeting at Bear Brook.

J. Lindsey motioned to adjourn at 8:37 pm, seconded by E. Davidson. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Pat Larkin, Conservation Commission Secretary