

**Candia Conservation Commission**  
Approved  
Meeting Minutes – November 16, 2010

Present: Susan Wilderman, Dennis Lewis, Deb Levesque, Betsy Kruse, Ellie Davidson, Judi Lindsey, Dick Snow and Dave Ickes. Guests Rick Lazott, Diane Philbrick and Scott Komisarek

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

**Guests to address the Commission:**

- Diane Philbrick and Scott Komisarek from the Agricultural Commission Steering Committee gave an update on what they have accomplished:
  - Initial project was to update and add an addendum to the Master Plan to include agriculture
  - They presented to the Board of Selectmen, to include on the March ballot, a Warrant Article to formally establish an Agricultural Commission. They have received great support and feel this is in anticipation of agriculture growing in Candia.
  - They are currently reaching out to the equestrian community.
  - They shared a reading list of information that covers what sustainability agriculture is or can be, the viability of it, and the reasons for it.
  - They look forward to working with the Conservation Commission on related projects.
- Diane Philbrick reported that the Heritage Commission is holding the next “assessment meeting” on December 9<sup>th</sup> at the Smyth Building. This meeting is to discuss possible uses of the Smyth Building.

**Regular Business**

**Minutes of October 19, 2010** meeting were reviewed. **B. Kruse motioned** to accept minutes as written, seconded by J. Lindsey. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**Conservation Land/Easement Acquisition Status-**

- Gunnerson Easement: S. Wilderman and Dan Kern from Bear-Paw Regional Greenways did a site walk of the property. The approximate 58 acres contains good upland habitat and falls within the high criteria of town supporting landscapes. It was the consensus of the commission that there is interest in this possible easement. S. Wilderman will contact Dan Kern and follow up on this possibility.
- Siemenski Easement: Nothing new to report.

**Wetlands Permit Applications –**

- Correspondence was received from the DES informing the commission that they are following up on the unauthorized driveway work done in October 2007 on the Martel property on High Street.
- S. Wilderman will contact the town office to assure that all Wetland Permit Applications that are received electronically from the DES are forwarded to the commission.

**Land Use, Wetlands, Enforcement Issues, and Planning Board** – J. Lindsey reported that cell towers were discussed at the Planning Board meeting. The Build-Out Mapping Project was discussed. B. Kruse received a copy of the report. A note will be included in the newsletter that this information is now available through the Land Use office.

**Correspondence** – The following items were available for review:

- S. Wilderman reported that she responded to Michael Ernstoff’s letter but has not received a reply.
- D. Snow shared information he received at the NHACC Conference on Stream Crossings, Conservation Money (and how to spend it), Community Forest and Town–line Perambulation.

### **Budget Update/Approval of Outstanding Payments/Invoices –**

- **J. Lindsey motioned** to authorize payment of \$45.00 to Dick Snow for reimbursement of the registration fee for the NH Association of Conservation Commissions 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting Conference, seconded by B. Kruse. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- **B. Kruse motioned** to authorize payment of \$34.83 to Dick Snow for reimbursement of the website domain name registration fee, seconded by D. Levesque. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- **B. Kruse motioned** to authorize payment of \$18.00 to Judi Lindsey for reimbursement of cost of engraving additional conservation property names on plaque, seconded by E. Davidson. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Cost of printing newsletter was discussed.

**Conservation Commission Website** – Website maintenance and updates are being done on a regular basis. Thank you to Joe Miele for his work on this.

**Lamprey River Watershed Association** – D. Snow reported that they are now considering projects for next year.

### **Old Business**

**Bear-Paw Status Report** – B. Kruse reported that Bear-Paw will host a Round Table on November 17<sup>th</sup> with a focus on creating and managing trails on town property. Also, the Annual Dues invoice has been received and she will forward to D. Snow to process for payment.

**Forest Management / Management Plans for Town Land** – D. Snow has spoken with C. Moreno and they will schedule a time with the Manchester 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** - Nothing new to report.

**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. B. Kruse will make the suggested revisions and email the next draft for the commission to review.

### **Other Business:**

**Boy Scout Project** – No request have been made.

**Trail Grants** – Tabled until next meeting.

**J. Lindsey motioned** to adjourn at 8:40 pm, seconded by D. Levesque. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Pat Larkin, Conservation Commission Secretary