

**Candia Conservation Commission**  
Approved  
Meeting Minutes – December 21, 2010

Present: Susan Wilderman, Dennis Lewis, Deb Levesque, Betsy Kruse, Ellie Davidson, Judi Lindsey, and Dick Snow. Guest Rick Lazott

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

**Regular Business**

**Minutes of November 16, 2010** meeting were reviewed. Under *Guests*, the name “Komisarek” was added. **J. Lindsey motioned** to accept minutes as revised to include name, seconded by E. Davidson. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**Conservation Land/Easement Acquisition Status-**

- Gunnerson Easement: S. Wilderman is waiting to hear from Dan Kern from Bear-Paw Regional Greenways.
- Siemenski Easement: Nothing new to report. D. Lewis will contact the Siemenski family.

**Wetlands Permit Applications –**

- Correspondence was received from the DES that the after-the-fact approval has been granted for the driveway work done in October 2007 on the Martel property on High Street.
- S. Wilderman contacted the town office and was assured that all Wetland Permit Applications that are received electronically from the DES are forwarded to the commission.
- Commission received a copy of correspondence from DES to Ed Fowler granting permission for forestry on his property on Palmer Road.
- Correspondence from the Rockingham County Conservation District stating that the monitoring of the Sanborn Easement has been successfully completed. A copy of the report was sent for the file.

**Land Use, Wetlands, Enforcement Issues, and Planning Board** – J. Lindsey reported that the Planning Board reviewed a plan that was submitted for the Brown Rd. /Old Candia Rd. (parcel 413.46) subdivision. It consists of seven irregularly shaped lots to be built on swampland. This area already has problems with flooding. Concerns with the plan were expressed including: Impact on the wetlands, safety concerns and that the plan is not logical or environmentally sound. Chair Wilderman will submit a letter to the Planning Board expressing the concerns of the Conservation Commission.

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

- A Standard Fill and Dredge Application for the proposed work on the Chivers property.

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

- **B. Kruse motioned** to authorize payment of \$132.00 to Pat Larkin for work completed September-November and for an invoice not to exceed \$48.00 for work completed in December, seconded by J. Lindsey. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- **B. Kruse motioned** to authorize payment of \$250.00 to NHACC for annual membership dues, from the 2010 operating budget, seconded by E. Davidson. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- **D. Lewis motioned** to authorize payment of \$100.00 to Bear-Paw Regional Greenways for annual membership dues, from the 2010 operating budget, seconded by E. Davison. B. Kruse and J. Lindsey abstained. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- **J. Lindsey motioned** to authorize payment of \$100.00 to Lamprey River Watershed Association for annual membership dues, from the 2010 operating budget, seconded by B. Kruse. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- **B. Kruse motioned** to authorize payment of not to exceed \$450.00 to Colonial Printing for the cost of 1700 color copies of the newsletter to be distributed with the March Town Report, seconded by J. Lindsey. All were in favor. Motion carried.

D. Snow reported that the Commission will come in below the bottom line for the 2010 budget.

**Conservation Commission Website** – The Commission determined that Chair Wilderman will be responsible for responding to all inquiries received through the website.

**Lamprey River Watershed Association** – Nothing new to report.

### **Old Business**

**Bear-Paw Status Report** – B. Kruse reported that Bear-Paw will host:

- Snowshoe Field Trip on January 15, 2011 from 1-3:30 pm at Northwood Meadows State Park
- Bear-Paw Annual Meeting on February 12, 2011 with guest speaker Dr. David Foster, Director of the Harvard Forest, Harvard University's center for research and education in forest ecology.

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

**Commission Properties Access Planning and Requests** – There were no request submitted. It was noted that at a recent workshop on Trail Grants, a citizen expressed an interest in having trails useful for urbanites. Proper planning is required before creating a trail. The focus should be on one trail at a time and include seeking help with grants. It was noted that all trails need to be well marked and future sites should be planned for different levels /types of trails (easy/moderate/advanced).

**Open Space Plan Update Committee** – Updating of the Master Plan is on the Planning Board Agenda for 1/19/11(snow date 2/2/11).

**Stewardship of Properties** - Nothing new to report.

**Newsletter Update-** D. Snow is responsible for getting it printed.

### **Other Business:**

**Trail Grants** – There have been no request for projects.

**Old Swap Shop** – The Board of Selectmen requested input on what should be done with the old swap shop building. The consensus of the Commission was that there should be a plan for the total parcel before making any decision on the individual parts and that the Co-operative Extension as well as DES be consulted for input into the plan. In addition, the public should be involved in the decision process via public hearings and a vote. **E. Davison** motioned that this statement be sent in writing to the Board of Selectmen, seconded by J. Lindsey. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**D. Snow motioned** that the Conservation Commission recommend to the Board of Selectmen that Rick Lazott be appointed as an alternate member of the Conservation Commission with term to expire as of March 31, 2013, seconded by B. Kruse. All were in favor. Motion carried.

B. Kruse reported that there is a new website that is being developed for all citizen boards called [www.nhcitizenplanner.org](http://www.nhcitizenplanner.org) that may be very beneficial, especially to new people on boards.

**Warrant Article** – This will be a non-binding article, solely to get the voters perspective. Proper wording was discussed. Draft suggestion: *Are the voters in favor of expending approximately \$18,000 from the balance currently available in the Conservation Fund for a Prime Wetland Study? If this article is approved, we expect the resulting Prime Wetlands proposal would go on the March 2012 ballot.* It was determined that LGC should be contacted for help with the proper wording.

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

Respectfully submitted by Pat Larkin, Conservation Commission Secretary