

**Candia Conservation Commission**  
Approved Meeting Minutes – April 19, 2011

Present: Susan Wilderman, Dennis Lewis, Betsy Kruse, Ellie Davidson, Dick Snow, Dave Ickes and Pat Larkin  
Guests: Bill Nichols and Andy Mun

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Andy Mun presented his Eagle Scout project proposal to make improvements to the Deerfield Road Town Forest. He would like to mark the trails with diamond, color coded markers placed on trees, create two bridge crossings and clear some of the overgrown areas. After some questions / discussion as to what materials he planned to use, it was the consensus of the board that this was a great project and they accepted his proposal. B. Kruse requested he write a brief, one paragraph proposal that she would submit to Bear-Paw, owners of the easement on this property, to notify them of this Eagle Scout proposal.

### **Regular Business**

**Minutes of March 15, 2011** meeting were reviewed. **B. Kruse motioned** to accept minutes as written, seconded by E. Davidson. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### **Conservation Land/Easement Acquisition Status:**

- Siemenski Easement: D. Lewis continues to be in contact with the Siemenski family.
- Chair Wilderman received an email regarding an easement in progress: Joe Falzone is working with Bear-Paw on an easement of approximately 90 acres on Crowley Road. He is applying through an ARM Grant and decided not to approach the town of Candia. Bear-Paw will own the property but may convey to sell to someone else, possibly the town of Candia.
- D. Snow reported on a possible easement on Dwayne Critchett's property off Critchett Road. More information is necessary, such as exact terms and specific lot numbers, before the next step of approaching the Board of Selectmen.
- It was suggested that the Commission do some financial planning for future acquisitions.

**Wetlands Permit Applications:** No permits were received.

### **Land Use, Wetlands, Enforcement Issues, and Planning Board:**

- The updated Open Space Plan will be discussed at the April 20<sup>th</sup> Planning Board meeting.

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

- The Bear-Paw Newsletter
- An invitation to participate in a multi-town Conservation meeting on May 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM at the Raymond High School. Please RSVP to [cherylkillam@comcast.net](mailto:cherylkillam@comcast.net) if attending.
- An invitation to attend a public hearing on May 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM in Durham for the Lamprey Designated River Proposed Water Management Plan.
- DES Workshop on May 10<sup>th</sup> from 8:30-4:00 on Drinking Water Source Protection.
- SouthEast Land Trust hosting a "Wild and Scenic Film Festival" on April 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Music Hall.
- Chair Wilderman received the completed NRI (CD and document). Conservation members should review the NRI to prepare for discussion at the June meeting. S. Wilderman will ask Jeff Littleton for two additional hard copies.

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

- **D. Snow motioned** for the Conservation Commission to pay the \$280.00 invoice from Moosewood Ecological with monies to be taken from the Conservation Fund, seconded by B. Kruse. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- **S. Wilderman motioned** to reimburse E. Davidson, J. Lindsey and B. Kruse each \$60.00 for the registration fee for the Saving Special Places workshop, seconded by D. Ickes. E. Davidson and B. Kruse abstained, all others were in favor. Motion carried. **S. Wilderman motioned** to reimburse D.

Snow the \$60.00 registration fee plus \$59.00 for mileage, seconded by D. Ickes. D. Snow abstained, all others were in favor. Motion carried.

### **Conservation Commission Website:**

- B. Kruse reported that a session she attended at the Saving Special Places workshop critiqued the CCC website and offered the comment that it is a good, basic website with good links. They suggested a feature be added to allow contributions to be made to the CCC and that a “Share” button be added.

**Lamprey River Watershed Association:** D. Snow reported that a Science Symposium about the Piscataqua River Estuary is planned for May 11<sup>th</sup>.

### **Old Business**

**Bear-Paw Status Report:** B. Kruse reported that there is a list of workshops in the most recent Newsletter and to please notify Dan Kern at Bear Paw if you plan on attending.

**Forest Management / Management Plans for Town Land:** D. Snow reported that he and C. Moreno along with John O’Neil, Forester for the Water Works, plan on walking the property sometime this month.

**Commission Properties Access Planning and Requests:** There were no requests submitted.

**Stewardship of Properties:** S. Wilderman reported that she is planning to walk the Flint Road Town Forest on May 14<sup>th</sup>. Date and time will be posted on the website. B. Kruse has not spoken with Dick Weeks about organizing a hike to Kinnicum Pond in late summer.

### **Other Business:**

- *Saving Special Places* workshop - report out:
  - E. Davidson reported that she learned that a town cannot maintain a Class VI road, even if they own land at the end of the road. Also, that a right-of-way on land-locked property needs to be passed on to new owners via the deed.
  - B. Kruse reported she attended a workshop on “Building Support”. Suggestions made were to focus on the positive and target people who are borderline supporters because non-supporters will never change their minds. Personal invitations work better than hosting large, educational events. Things to remember when building support: focus on fun, have good food available, people love maps and community events held on the conserved land. Another topic discussed was methods to “spread the word” using social media and taking information to other groups with similar interest and concerns.
- D. Snow reported that the Board of Selectmen has no interest in hosting an all-board, town-wide round table meeting. Discussion ensued on possibly hosting one in conjunction with the Planning Board regarding the Master Plan. Ideas for the meeting included this would be a forum for group discussion for *all* boards in town to see what the various groups are doing. Do we have any common goals/needs? What goals overlap between groups and how do we all fit together? It may be easier to get participants if there are specific points to discuss. The CCC will research how various groups inter-connect, find an issue of relevance to all boards, and provide a list of questions. Also, point out the need to better integrate committees for common goals. There may be information in the NRI that would provide a common link. The CCC will review the NRI and put together some ideas for a possible agenda.
- D. Snow reported that there will be no formal mosquito control in Candia this year. He also updated us on House Bill 409 which does not allow for two Planning Boards members to sit on a Conservation Commission, Board of Selectmen, or Land Use board.
- **D. Snow motioned** to recommend to the Board of Selectmen that Bill Nichols be appointed as an Alternate Member of the Conservation Committee, seconded by B. Kruse. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**S. Wilderman motioned** to adjourn at 8:30 pm, seconded by E. Davidson. All were in favor. Motion carried.