

## Candia Conservation Commission

### Approved Meeting Minutes

May 17, 2011

Present: Susan Wilderman, Dennis Lewis, Betsy Kruse, Ellie Davidson, Dick Snow, Deb Levesque, Dave Ickes, Rick Lazott and Pat Larkin. Guests: Mark West, Andy Mun and Dwayne Critchett

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

Mark West, from Bear-Paw, and Andy Mun reported on Andy's proposed Eagle Scout project to make improvements to the Deerfield Road Town Forest. They hiked the trail, checked the crossings and reviewed Andy's plan for repairs. The five crossings have been prioritized. Andy will prepare and submit a Trail Notification Permit to be signed by the Conservation Commission before it is sent to DES. This is proper procedure; work can commence immediately. **S. Wilderman motioned** that once received, the Commission will sign the Trail Notification Permit and send to DES, seconded by E. Davidson. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Dwayne Critchett discussed the possibility of an easement on two pieces of property on Critchett Road. D. Snow, D. Critchett and a representative from Southeast Land Trust have walked the property. It consist of two lots: 407.27.2 with frontage of 579.23' which will have an exclusion for one house lot, and 407.54 with frontage of 1,350', which will be divided into two lots, one of which contains an existing house and the other will include a 3-acre house lot. Dwayne received a copy of a sample easement and reviewed with Dick the terms and conditions, and the process of an easement. Dick presented a timeline as follows: the next step is to present the proposal to the Board of Selectmen, and if they agree, proceed to have the appraisal done. At that point it can be determined if the Commission is interested in providing funds. The language of this easement would be similar to the Rand easement. It would then go back to the BOS with a Purchase and Sale Agreement with terms and cost of easement. Language was discussed regarding the perpetuity of public access. An easement, once signed, is similar to a deed and gets registered with the county. The only way it can be changed is to make it more restrictive. **B. Kruse motioned** to proceed with the process of this easement on the Critchett property, seconded by D. Lewis. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### Regular Business

**Minutes of April 19, 2011** meeting were reviewed and the following revisions made: line 13, revise "Felzone" to "Falzone"; line 15, revise "easement" to read "property". **B. Kruse motioned** to accept minutes as amended, seconded by D. Lewis. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**Conservation Land/Easement Acquisition Status:** Nothing new to report

**Wetlands Permit Applications:** No new permits were received. Trail Notification Permit for the Eagle Scout project will be processed once received.

**Land Use, Wetlands, Enforcement Issues, and Planning Board:** D. Lewis reported:

- Brown Road project has filed for an extension
- There have been hearings for cutting trees on scenic roads (for utility purposes)
- The hearing to discuss acceptance of the updated Open Space Plan will be May 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Correspondence:** There was no new correspondence except for various email notifications.

**Budget Update/Approval of Outstanding Payments/Invoices:** D. Snow reported:

- Members have been reimbursed for the registration fees for the *Saving Special Places* workshop
- The last payment of \$119,000 will be paid on the Sanborn property, after which the Commission shall receive \$54,000 back from the government.
- There is approximately \$500,000 available in the budget

### **Conservation Commission Website:**

- S. Wilderman will contact Joe Miele to have him demonstrate to those interested how to add updates to the website.
- An inquiry will be made regarding the spam being received through the CCC website.

**Lamprey River Watershed Association:** D. Snow reported that Volunteer River Assessment Program (VRAP) will be cut from the budget and will need to be picked up as a voluntary basis.

### **Old Business**

**Bear-Paw Status Report:** B. Kruse reported:

- The Biothon is scheduled for June 11<sup>th</sup>
- The movie "Green Fire" about Aldo Leopold will be shown at the Red River Theatres in Concord on June 15<sup>th</sup>

**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, walked the property at the end of Hemlock Drive. It was their opinion that it was an excellent opportunity for forest management. Charlie Moreno is working on a Forest Management Plan. The question arose regarding funds to pay for this plan. Dick will speak with Charlie and ask if he is willing to wait for payment from the timber cut. It needs to be determined how to move funds to cover this payment. Dick will get an estimate for the cost of the Forest Management Plan. It was suggested that future forest management funds need to be self sustaining.

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

**Stewardship of Properties:** S. Wilderman reported that she walked the Flint Road Town Forest and discovered it lacked proper trail markers. It was suggested that the Boy Scouts be notified that they may want to re-mark the trail, especially the loop, repair the rotted crossings and post a notice until repairs are completed. D. Lewis will speak with the Boy Scouts regarding these suggestions.

### **Other Business:**

- S. Wilderman reported that the final maps for the NRI were received.
  - Jeff Littleton said the Commission is free to make copies of the NRI but he will not be providing more copies. It will cost approximately \$40 to print a copy from the CD, including the large maps, at Staples.
  - Upon reviewing the large maps, it was determined that the suggested corrections to street names had not been made. It was suggested that all street names be removed but leave Routes 43 and 27 as points of reference.
  - Upon review of the book copy of the NRI, it was pointed out that the bottom line on some of the fold-out maps was cut off.
  - Maps should be placed in protective covers. It would be nice to have a map hanger or storage rack so the public would have access to these maps.
- D. Snow reported that HB409 does not affect sitting members of boards.
- D. Snow reported that the letters for reappointment of board members have been approved by the BOS

**D. Lewis motioned** to adjourn at 8:45 pm, seconded by E. Davidson. All were in favor. Motion carried.