

Candia Conservation Commission
Unapproved Meeting Minutes
July 19, 2011

Present: Dave Ickes, Dick Snow, Deb Levesque, Dennis Lewis, Betsy Kruse, Judi Lindsey, and Ellie Davidson. Guest: Holly Green.

REGULAR BUSINESS

Meeting was called to order at 7:01 by Betsy Kruse, Vice Chair as Susan Wilderman (Chair) could not be there. Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Minutes of previous meeting: Correction made to add, “ The CCC suggested that Dick Snow put his name as a volunteer for the Lamprey River Watershed Assoc.” Under Conservation Land/Easement Acquisition Status paragraph – “Wayne” Critchett should be “Dwayne”. Moved by E. Davidson, seconded by D. Ickes to accept minutes as corrected.

Conservation Land/Easement Acquisition Status: Dick Snow handed out copies of the Critchett Road Model Easement Draft. He and Martha Beese(?) had walked the property. Rockingham Conservation Commission District voted to hold easement. Cost approximately \$14K, first cut of cost of easement should be ready of end of July. Subdivision must be done first, will not accept a floating exclusion area in the easement. Must be clearly defined. 1 part already has full survey. Other side still needs to be done. Jim Franklin may be doing other side as he did the first section already. 16 acres with 3 acres cut out of easement.

Richard Fitz property – 15 acres on Donovan Road near Kinnicum Pond looking to sell for \$20K. D. Snow looking into grant funding.

Holly Green from NHDES was present to explain the purpose of the Land Protection Grant Project which is to protect drinking water supply land. Funded in part by CTAP mitigation funds (I-93 Widening project). It will cover 25% of acquisition costs. (Legal, survey, etc.) There is a ranking process. By end of September we would be notified of eligibility. Can reimburse CCC Fund for money put into easement process. Think about match possibilities, not just cash. Could be property/parcel match. D. Snow will study this possibility, put in an application by Sept. 1 and also notify the selectman of the CCC’s intent to apply for the grant.

Wetlands Permit Applications: Cell Tower on North Road near Halls Mill Road.

Doucette letter to DES regarding the land off Healey Road. Jim Franklin has submitted the new and revised information and copied to us. J. Lindsey shared a letter from Charlie Moreno listing the sighting of the Northern Harrier over the Doucette property - this species being one of statewide concern.

Land Use/Wetlands/Enforcement Issues/Planning Board: Issue of the restoration plan for Raymond Sand and Gravel. Law suit pending. Our attorney suggested it is a Planning

Board issue. Two selectmen, the building inspector and the Planning Board chair met to discuss the reclamation plan. This should have come before the full planning board at a legal meeting. Full Planning Board should be looking at this along with Stantec, our technical advisors.

Correspondence: Check to CCC from the Lindseys in memory of Dennis Lewis' father. Letter from Attorney General about a Cease and Desist order rescinded from 2008.

Budget Update/Approval of outstanding payments/invoices: D. Snow handed out copies of the budget. Felt we needed to add adequate money/funding for clerical support. D. Snow will look into how many hours P. Larkin worked and at what rate of pay so we can plan accordingly on reimbursing our next secretary. P/ Larkin has resigned and we need to look into replacing her position by 3rd week of August.

Conservation Commission Website: Presently no one responsible for updating our site. Catherine Sangillo was working on it as part of the town site, but she's not funded by the CCC.

Lamprey River Watershed Association: New Rivers Local Advisory Committee expects 3 local townspeople from each participating town to participate (CCC, PL. Bd., Etc.) Plan to perform a fluvial erosion hazard assessment. Volunteers will be walking the Lamprey River to observe and record flooding erosion, etc.

OLD BUSINESS

Bear Paw Status: August 20th Dragonfly Workshop

Forest Management/Management Plans for Town Land: Road agent D. Lewis reported plans to create a landing for Charlie Moreno's timber harvesting for the 51 acre town owned land off Hemlock Drive. Once generated funds from timber harvest come in to CCC's Forest Fund, Timber tax (10%) should be transferred back to town's general fund.

Commission Properties Access Planning and Request: Nothing at this time.

Stewardship of Properties: Monitoring of town properties being done.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- Do we want to do a newsletter? Yes.
- Grant money possibilities – addressed above.
- Timber Sale – 10% to general fund – addressed above.
- Dwayne Critchett's Easement – addressed above.
- Bill Nichols' presentation. B. Nichols offered to give a 1 hour workshop on Natural Communities and their importance as filters/ biodiversity protection. Yes, we would like to give this presentation in November, in conjunction with Bear Paw to reach out to a greater audience.
- NRI decision. It was decided to send maps back to Jeff Littleton for corrections and have him return them to us corrected with copies.

· Susan Wilderman's request. Our present chair is feeling overwhelmed by teaching duties and would like some assistance if possible. She would like to continue as chair with less responsibility solely on her. The members divided up the various agenda items and a newly revised agenda, with members' names next to specific areas will be sent out. E. Davison offered to help with the newsletter.

E. Davidson motioned to adjourn at 9:01 pm, seconded by D. Ickes. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Judi Lindsey, acting secretary for the evening.