

**MINUTES OF MEETING  
CONWAY CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
February 9, 2005**

A meeting of the Conway Conservation Commission convened at 6:35 PM at the Whitaker Homesite in North Conway, NH. Present were: Chair, Paul Pinkham; Rob Adair; Chuck Broomhall; David Weathers; Dan Lucy; Phil Haynes; Paul Mullen; Carol Lyman and Alternate Connie Briggs. Also present were: Peter Benson, and Jay Poulin and Barry Keefe from H. E. Bergeron Engineers.

The Chair appointed Mr. Briggs as a full voting member.

**Approval of Minutes (January 12, 2005):** Amendment offered by Mr. Adair as follows: On Page 1. "The lot being discussed, Lot #42" be changed to "The lot being discussed, Lot #43", and "It falls well within Lot #43" be deleted and changed to "Lot #42 contains a well and is owned by the North Conway Water Precinct". **Motion was made by Mr. Adair, seconded by Mr. Briggs that the Minutes of the January 12<sup>th</sup> meeting be approved as amended. Motion carried.**

Regarding Mr. Weathers' observation last month that the October minutes did not make any reference to a discussion concerning the gas station property adjacent to the Whitaker Homesite, Mr. Haynes remembered the subject being discussed. Mr. Weathers would like to amend the October Minutes to include the discussion.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Reports:**

Mr. Benson reported that the maps he is placing out this year will be the same as those that were available last year. He will also be putting out a request for proposals on some of the TNC owned lands in Conway.

Mr. Weathers reported that the Budget Committee rejected our request of \$23,000.00 because we did not spend all of the money appropriated in last's year budget. Our funds will be reduced to \$16,000.00. If necessary, money from the Hubbard-David timber sale will be taken from the Land Acquisition Fund and used to fund the CCC. The proceeds were predicted to be \$4,000.00 but we received \$10,000.00. Our members feel the Budget Committee should be made aware that the CCC reimburses the Town each year.

Mr. Pinkham requested the members review the budget in order to see where some things can be tweaked. He asked Mr. Benson to submit a bill.

**New High School Wetlands Mitigation:**

Mr. Poulin and Mr. Keefe presented a set of plans to showcase the work that will be done at the site of the new Conway High School and Vocational Center. The project will be done in

two phases. Phase 1 consists of the construction of the access road to the school site and Phase 2 consists of the development surrounding the new school location. NHDES requires that any development with more than 10,000 square feet of wetlands provide for mitigation. The Conway School District would like to provide mitigation by means of preservation through conservation easements. H. E. Bergeron Engineers is asking the CCC to consider being the third party holder to one area containing 112,820 square feet and a second area containing 132,000 square feet. Mr. Poulin is requesting a letter from the CCC stating that we are willing to accept the easement as the third-party holder.

Mr. Pinkham asked Mr. Poulin to submit a request in writing with a detailed proposal for the members to review. He also requested a set of the plans. He stated the CCC will respond within one month.

**Treasurer's Report:** None.

**Selectmen's Report:** Mr. Weathers has researched a report from a Lee Quilliam on Green Hill Road in Chatham that a forester named Robert Boyd has an "intent to cut" (clear-cut) 65 acres of land. She believed that much of this area is wetland and that there had not been a permit issued. Mr. Weathers found no violation. The land is not being clear-cut even though clear cutting is allowed. Mr. Boyd assured Mr. Weathers that if he is crossing the wetland, he will get a permit. Ms. Schofield will notify DES that there is no problem.

Mr. Weathers reported that the budget was reduced by the Budget Committee. The Selectmen voted in favor 3-1-0 on the final vote. Mr. Pinkham suggested that someone should speak at the Town Deliberatives on March 7<sup>th</sup> to address the CCC budget.

Mr. Weathers said a note should go to Mr. McCulloch acknowledging his offer of land at Crown Ridge and stating that the Commissioners have not yet had the opportunity to visit the site to come back with our recommendation. David Bernier is also interested in visiting the site.

Mr. Weathers reported that there were no new applications.

**Whitaker Woods:** Mr. Pinkham reported the State would like to know the depth of the bridge and the material, wood or concrete, that we would like to use for the bridge. The Selectmen want a recommendation from the CCC. The State will not own a wooden bridge. It will be turned over to the Town. Mr. Adair spoke about Car-10, a weathering steel, that might be aesthetically pleasing. Another consideration is a ski able fabric. Mr. Briggs spoke about a carpet that Reliable Racing produces that can be skied on. **Mr. Adair moved that the CCC recommend a steel bridge with a concrete deck and a covering from Reliable Racing Carpet of Glen Falls, New York supplying a racing-type carpet covering. Seconded by Mr. Briggs. Passed unanimously.**

Mr. Adair and Mr. Broomhall are working on refining the Whitaker Trail Plan.

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**Pudding Pond:** Mr. Pinkham reported that Mr. Lyford recommends a concrete underpass with a concrete base and gravel siding at Pudding Pond. **Mr. Adair moved that the CCC recommend the state use a concrete underpass with a concrete base with gravel siding. Seconded by Mr. Briggs. Passed unanimously.**

Mr. Pinkham stated that Don Johnson will be speaking at a Community Forest Conference in Montana. The sponsors would like to have more participation and are encouraging other interested non-professional people to attend. For information see:

[www.communitiescommittee.org](http://www.communitiescommittee.org).

Mr. Briggs spoke concerning Town owned property. He believes Town owned lands should have conservation easements. Presently, Hubbard-Davis and Whitaker Woods are the only parcels that have conservation easements. He would like to request the Selectmen research establishing easements be placed on Town lands that have been entrusted to the CCC. **Mr. Briggs moved that the Selectmen be asked to research establishing easements on Town lands that have been entrusted to the CCC. Seconded by Ms. Lyman. Passed unanimously.**

**At 8:40 PM Motion was made by Mr. Adair, seconded by Mr. Weathers, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

Carol T. Lyman  
Acting Recording Secretary