

MINUTES OF MEETING
CONWAY CONSERVATION COMMISSION
APRIL 12, 2006

A meeting of the Conway Conservation Commission convened at 6:35 p.m. at the Whitaker Homesite in North Conway, New Hampshire with the following present: Chair, Paul Pinkham; Rob Adair; David Weathers; Chuck Broomhall; and alternates Linda Kearney and Connie Briggs.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Weathers moved, seconded by Ms. Kearney to approve the minutes of February 8, 2006 as written. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments

ARLINGTON DEVELOPMENT

Jay Poulin of HEB Engineers and Larry Landry and Barry Keefe of Arlington Development were present for discussion.

Mr. Pinkham explained that the Arlington Development site is the former site of the proposed Presidential Golf Course.

Mr. Keefe distributed a map of the 700 acre site and reviewed same with the committee. (See attached). Mr. Keefe advised they will be filing for Phase I in the next week or so in the area of Modock Hill Road and Doloff Hill Road. The wetlands have been reflagged and they have been working with the Town Engineer to change the grade where the beavers have been flooding out the road.

Mr. Keefe next reviewed aerial photos of the parcel with the Commission and a general discussion was held regarding same.

Mr. Pinkham summarized that that purpose of tonight's meeting was to familiarize the Conservation Commission with the plans and Mr. Keefe confirmed same.

Mr. Keefe further advised that Arlington has a Purchase and Sales Agreement with Presidential Golf but has not completed the purchase as yet.

REPORTS

a. Don Johnson - Mr. Pinkham advised that Forest Land Improvements has an agreement with the town for work to be done in Whitaker Woods. We are

waiting for the Town to come back to Jeff of the Nature Conservancy with an Agreement.

b. Jeff Lougee – Mr. Pinkham advised that the Nature Conservancy's Greens Hills Map and Brochure has been printed and is ready for distribution.

c. Treasurers Report/Carol Lyman – Mr. Pinkham reported that Carol Lyman asked to be excused from the next three meetings as she is taking a course at the College for Lifelong Learning. She will be submitting her reports to the committee in her absence if there are no objections. There were no objections from any Committee members.

d. Selectmen's Report/David Weathers - Mr. Pinkham and Mr. Weathers reviewed that a letter was sent to Don Lyford of the NHDOT by the Town concerning the condition of Shedd Woods. Mr. Weathers suggested that the subject of what will be done at Shedd Woods be discussed with Mr. Lyford at the next CDRC meeting.

Mr. Weathers next reported on the Schiavi property. Mr. Weathers advised that the state was in touch with Shiavi and that he was in agreement with the price the state offered but wanted eight years of forestry. Mr. Weathers suggested having Don Johnson go through the property as it has been logged and see if the recent lumbering has had an effect on the value of the property.

OTHER BUSINESS

Traffords – Rob Adair reported that Traffords has to spend money for mitigation. Many agencies are involved and nothing is happening in a hurry.

Kennett Capital Campaign – Mr. Adair advised they are back on trying to raise money and would like to bring this back from and questioned if they can use Conservation Commission money. Messrs. Briggs and Weathers agreed this is worth using funds for. Mr. Pinkham questioned how much they are looking for and Mr. Adair advised \$10,000. Mr. Adair advised the total amount is approximately \$26,000-\$30,000 and Kennett is responsible for 25%, the feds will be giving 25%, they have raised 12% and they have also received pledges. Mr. Pinkham suggested checking to make sure we have a clear picture of where all the monies are coming from and get it in writing first before pursuing further and the Commission agreed. **Mr. Adair moved, seconded by Mr. Briggs, to seek to support the Upper Saco Valley Land Trust/Kennett Conservation Easement Funding by contributing \$10,000 from out Conservation Land Acquisition Account. The motion carried unanimously.**

Conservation Easement & Land Acquisition Criteria - Mr. Pinkham distributed information concerning Conservation Easement and Land Acquisition Criteria to the Commission for review. Mr. Pinkham advised that Jeff Lougee will help with this and he will ask him to talk about this information at the May

meeting of the Conservation Commission if there are no objections. There were no objections.

Whitaker Trail Work Planned For 2006 – Mr. Pinkham advised that Don Johnson is interested in the Whitaker Trail work planned for 2006. Mr. Adair advised that Chuck Broomhall and Cort Hanson are interested as well and the four of them (including Don Johnson) can get together and talk about the work that needs to be done. Mr. Pinkham requested this be done before the May meeting of the Conservation Commission.

Mr. Adair next distributed a copy of comments from Cort Hansen and Chuck Broomhall for review regarding the trail work. There was a discussion and it was agreed that they would meet with Don Johnson to discuss the issues and put together priorities and a budget.

Wetland Applications - Mr. Weathers advised that one application was received from Curt Burke for an outlet for a manmade pond on Intervale Crossroad. Mr. Weathers advised the application was review and forwarded to the state.

CDRC – Mr. Pinkham questioned if there was a date scheduled for a CDRC meeting. Mr. Weathers advised no meeting has been scheduled as of this date.

Appointments – Mr. Pinkham advised that Phil Haynes, Linda Kearney and Connie Briggs need to be reappointed and questioned if they are interested at this time. Linda Kearny and Connie Briggs indicated they are interested in being reappointed to three year terms. Mr. Pinkham advised he would call Phil Haynes to check his interest as well. Mr. Pinkham next noted the Commission should hold an Election of Officers at the next meeting.

Trails – Mr. Adair requested action to reroute an old 100 foot motorcycle trail on Middle Mountain. **Mr. Briggs moved seconded by Mr. Broomhall to reroute the old 100 foot motorcycle trail on Middle Mountain.** Mr. Adair advised they will use three rough sawn tamarack boards. Mr. Adair further advised this is a non motorized trail. The work on the trail would be performed NEMBA. **The motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Adair next discussed the Sticks and Stones Trail off of Pudding Pond Loop. Mr. Adair questioned if the Conservation Commission would allow this trail to loop around. There was brief discussion. **Mr. Briggs moved, seconded by Mr. Weathers, to extend the sticks and stones trail to make it a loop trail in Pudding Pond Conservation Area. The motion carried unanimously.**

NEXT MEETING

Mr. Pinkham advised the next meeting of the Conservation Commission is scheduled for May 10, 2006.

ADJOURN

Mr. Broomhall moved, seconded by Mr. Weathers, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen J Hallowell
Recording Secretary