

**MINUTES OF MEETING  
CONWAY CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
June 13, 2007**

A meeting of the Conway Conservation Commission convened at 6:30 p.m. at the Whitaker Homesite in North Conway, NH. Present were: Paul Pinkham, David Weathers, Rob Adair, Carol Lyman, and Alternate, Linda Kearney.

The Chair appointed Linda Kearney a full voting member.

**Forester's Report:** Mr. Pinkham reported that Don Johnson could not be present, but will be in contact with Mr. Adair regarding work to be done at Whitaker Woods.

**Memorandum of Understanding with The Nature Conservancy:** Mr. Pinkham reported a new Memorandum of Understanding has been drawn so that TNC can do the work scheduled for this year. He has discussed this with Mr. Sires and the signed document has been forwarded to Concord.

**Approval of Minutes – 5/9/07:** Correction was noted by Ms. Kearney as follows - Pg. 1, Item 2, 4<sup>th</sup> sentence should read: "It will be the same *route* used last year [referring to the race series proposed by White Mt. Milers]. **Motion made by Ms. Kearney, seconded by Mr. Weathers and carried, that the Minutes of the May 9<sup>th</sup> meeting be approved as amended.**

**Treasurer's Report:** Messrs. Pinkham and Weathers will meet to discuss this further.

**Selectmen's Report:** Mr. Weathers noted there had been discussion of the pros and cons of what may or may not take place with the bypass traffic count and funding.

**Whitaker Trail Plan:** Messrs. Broomhall, Lucy, Adair and Cort Hansen met with the Nordic Club. Mr. Broomhall has come up with a 5k loop using existing trails - a graded 5k loop on which races could be run, and can accommodate grooming in winter with minimal snow cover. The next step is to walk the loop and prioritize the bulleted items selected. Mr. Pinkham suggested inviting Don Johnson to walk it with them to get his input from a forest management perspective.

It was noted that the northern section of Whitaker Trail has been ignored because of the bypass. There are two spots where it runs into a flat area which are like mud pits and it is recommended to do some filling, grading and reroute two sections of the periphery trail. It was agreed Mr. Adair will get some people together to help with this.

Mr. Adair reported National Trails Day was June 2. Eight people showed up at Black Cap Trail and cleaned out water bars and got quite a lot of drainage work done.

Ms. Lyman reported grass has been dumped behind the Whitaker Homesite and she is concerned it will start to decay and create an odor. Mr. Adair pointed out that is the jurisdiction of the Recreation Dept.

**Signs:** Ms. Kearney questioned what is being done with the signs. Mr. Adair said this was discussed at the June 6<sup>th</sup> meeting; Mr. Broomhall is frustrated with trying to get answers. Mr. Pinkham suggested we take the \$1,000 we have for that project and hire the signs to be made by sign people. Ms. Lyman suggested she and Ms. Kearney take the project over.

**Request for Race Permit:** Mr. Pinkham had a request from a non profit organization, Red Jersey Cycle, to hold a race to raise money for biking enthusiasts, but has not disassociated themselves from 501c(3). Mr. Adair has discussed it with Earl Sires who agreed it seems to fit the intent. Permission was granted for the race on June 21<sup>st</sup>.

Mr. Pinkham said he has talked to Don Johnson about the video he would like to get done – nothing has taken place as yet.

**Wetlands Applications:** Mr. Weathers has reviewed for Lois Knight her project on Prospect Road and additional information has been requested. He noted that unless redesigned, she cannot use minimum impact and will have to either redesign or go with a standard Dredge & Fill application.

Whitaker Development on East Conway Road – a written statement granting approval is required because it is less than 20' from the abutter. Their application will require more work.

Mr. Pinkham questioned striping on Rt. 16 between River Road and Mechanic Street. Mr. Weathers stated it is designed for a turning lane. Mr. Pinkham suggested “then it should be different.”

Ms. Lyman questioned trees at Shedd Woods entrance. Mr. Pinkham noted they obtained the fencing on sale and have installed it at Shedd Woods; the trees that were planted were not as large as Mr. Johnson had hoped for, but it looks very nice.

Ms. Kearney questioned who gets notification of approval of Wetlands Permits. Mr. Weathers stated he gets a copy, the applicant receives a copy, and the town is notified. Ms. Kearney wished to know whether the State ever checks to see that they are being done right. Mr. Weathers said they are so overwhelmed with work that their septic inspector has the authority to issue a cease and desist if he sees something wrong. When a project is completed notification is supposed to be made in writing that it is completed. When the State is in the area they check several sites at the same time.

**Bog Bridges:** Mr. Adair forwarded information to Mr. Sires to obtain recreation grant money; he is checking with the State, but he does not know whether it has been approved yet or not.

**Next Meeting Date:** After short discussion **Motion was made by Mr. Weathers, seconded by Ms. Kearney and carried, that the July meeting be cancelled.** It was agreed the Chairman would poll the members to determine whether it is felt an August meeting will be necessary.

**Motion was made by Ms. Kearney, seconded by Mr. Weathers and carried, that the meeting be adjourned at 7:05 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Gail T. Currier, Recording Secretary