

**MINUTES OF MEETING  
CONWAY CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
February 13, 2008**

A meeting of the Conway Conservation Commission convened at 6:31 p.m. at the Whitaker Homesite in North Conway, NH. Present were: Paul Pinkham, David Weathers, Rob Adair, Dan Lucy, Carol Lyman, and Alternate, Connie Briggs.

The Chair appointed Connie Briggs a full voting member.

**Approval of Minutes: Minutes of 1/9/08 – Motion was made by Mr. Adair, seconded by Mr. Lucy, that the Minutes of the Jan. 9th meeting be approved as presented. Motion carried with five votes in the affirmative and Mr. Weathers abstaining as he had not been present.**

Mr. Johnson was not present to provide a report. Mr. Pinkham reported Mr. Lougee has submitted a bill for \$1400.

**Treasurer's Report:** Ms. Lyman provided end of year reports for 2007 as follows – Hubbard-Davis \$14,858.74, earned interest income \$719.67; Conservation Land Account \$116,547.90 – Mr. Pinkham noted the check for Redstone Properties in the amount of \$20,000 was cancelled – the State paid the entire amount. Conservation PDIP Account \$17,488.94. Conservation Current Use \$460,827.64. It was noted the purpose of this account is for acquisition of land – the two conservation accounts are accounted for separately as a convenience to the town. The \$460,000+ is from Current Use penalties; timber sales are intended for the Conservation Account.

As for the use of the \$460,000+, the Selectmen are reviewing our criteria for acquisition. We are also working to establish a formal relationship with USVLT so as to avoid duplication in acquiring easements, etc. Mr. Adair said he has mentioned we would like a letter of agreement. He will remind Linda Comeau of the USVLT.

**Motion was made by Mr. Weathers, seconded by Ms. Lyman and carried by unanimous vote, that the Treasurer's Report be accepted as submitted.**

**Selectmen's Report:** None.

**Member Roundtable:** Mr. Adair reported the Red Jersey Mountain Bike series would like to hold another event in Whitaker Woods and have obtained their application form. Mr. Pinkham suggested they be asked to submit a letter requesting permission, with details. Mr. Weathers stressed the importance of getting the paperwork in on time.

Meeting with Budget Committee – Mr. Weathers noted the CCC account is the only one that will be a carry-over from one year to the next and the Budget Committee did not have a problem with it. Mr. Pinkham reported this year \$15,653 was spent; we had a

\$17,653 budget, had \$500 encumbered. He noted the intent was to use it on the Whitaker Trail work.

**Whitaker Trail Plan:** Mr. Pinkham noted we need a work agreement with Don Johnson - the Whitaker Management Plan has been budgeted for – the current plan is 19 years old.

**Whitaker Signs:** Most signs have been installed, not all were done because the ski association ran out of time. Mr. Adair noted that Nat Lucy and some kids from the Nordic Ski Team came out before the snow fell and did a lot of cleaning up in there. Mr. Briggs said he has seen the signs and they look good. Mr. Pinkham will include this in his annual report.

**Wetlands Applications:** Mr. Weathers reported – (1) relocation of a road in the subdivision at Hale's Estates off Grandview Drive. Reason: because of well head protection. It is contingent upon the approval of the actual change to the subdivision which is currently before the Planning Board. It will tie into the portion that has not yet been built out. It is a simple culvert and road relocation. His only question is whether there would have to be mitigation; however, he does not think so.

(2) John Jones off Hurricane Mt. Road – a driveway to a new barn on a residential lot on the south side of Hurricane Mt. Road. It is 1700', crossing two seasonal drainageways. Mr. Weathers said he does not have either the engineering profile or the cross section on the culverts, does not know whether it is a 5, 10, or 20-year frequency storm, but expects to hear shortly. He stated he would like to send a letter to the State saying we did review it, but feels they will pick up on that being missing – that it is not in the plan.

(3) Robert Jawitz has built a new home on Gotzen Road in Rockhouse Mt. development and is planning on putting in a well and a power house and produce seasonal residential hydroelectric **system** - the impact is to put in the well itself which will feed the hydroelectric system. Mr. Weathers said he questions how much water he will get out of there. He noted this is the same drainage that was causing sediment going into Pea Porridge Pond. He stated the plan itself would have low impact on the wetlands, has to be discharged back into the water course before it leaves the property.

(4) Fadden/Whitaker Subdivision off east Conway Road – 15,050 sf of impact. This is a subdivision that was started a number of years ago and is an extension of that road. They are very limited on where they can take off on it, there is not much frontage on East Conway Road. Because of the amount of square footage of impact, they will have to come up with a mitigation plan, will have to protect some wetlands; a road and two culverts are part of the application. He noted there are four ways to create mitigation – the owners are in the process of obtaining an easement that will protect 7.9 acres as part of the mitigation area. Mr. Weathers said he feels the State will go along with it.

Mr. Weathers stated the only one that is lacking information is the one for Jones; the others are complete with the exception with the one for Fadden/Whitaker and the State will address that as part of the mitigation.

**Other Business:** Ms. Lyman asked for report on the bypass. Mr. Weathers stated the southern section is still in the Governor’s plan – tentative starting date now is 2015, contingent upon the bond passing; however, once they pass the bond, that is not the end. He commented that we do not carry as much “clout” in the northern part of the State as the legislators in the southern part of the State - right now the middle and the northern section are not on the ten year plan. The only one on the table now, if funding is available, is the southern section.

Mr. Weathers commented there are a lot of proposed subdivisions that have approval and are sitting still. Mr. Briggs noted the one near Artist Falls Road never made it through Planning Board as there were enough restrictions put on that they pulled it.

Mr. Weathers reported presentation was made last week for the State salt shed on Rt. 153; however, they do not have to have town approval. He noted that supposedly they will put in the facility whether the bypass goes through or not. He commented that it was not very well received by the Planning Board - one issue was wetlands.

**Next Meeting Date:** March 12, 2008.

**Motion was made by Mr. Weathers, seconded by Mr. Adair and carried, that the meeting be adjourned at 7:11 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Gail T. Currier, Recording Secretary