

MINUTES OF MEETING  
CONWAY CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
January 13, 2010

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 Dan Lucy, Linda Kearney and Connie Briggs.

Also present was Wink Lees, North New Hampshire Land Steward for the Nature Conservancy.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES 11/11/09

Ms. Kearney asked for clarification to the minutes of 11/11/09 under section "3. Reports a. Don Johnson" the last sentence of the first paragraph where it states "Mr. Broomhall stated that trail needed that work...." Ms. Kearney felt this trail should be identified. The Commission members agreed the area could be identified and the minutes should be amended to state "vista/gradual power lines needed the work" **Mr. Briggs moved, seconded by Mr. Adair to approve the minutes of November 11, 2009 as amended. The motion carried unanimously.**

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

REPORTS

a. Don Johnson – Don Johnson was not present and no report was given.

b. Jeff Lougee – Jeff Lougee was not present. Wink Lees of the Nature Conservancy was present and gave a report.

Mr. Lees reported they plan on putting together a list of projects for an MOU. They hope to formalize this by February or the first of March.

Mr. Lees next reported they have done some trail work on Black Cap Trail with a student conservation association and are applying for funds to get them back again. Mr. Lees stated that it would be helpful if they had a letter of support from the Conservation Commission when applying for the funds. Mr. Pinkham requested Mr. Lees draft something for consideration. The Commission was in agreement with same.

Mr. Lees next reported that the sign at the Thompson Road parking area is deteriorating and needs to be repaired or replaced. They also need to redo the maps and freshen up the kiosks.

c. Treasurer's Report - Carol Lyman – Mr. Pinkham advised that Ms. Lyman was unable to be present at the meeting today; however she did provide a treasurers report. Mr. Pinkham briefly reviewed the Treasurers report with the Commission members. Mr. Pinkham reported that the Conservation Commission did overspend the 2009 budget by \$100.

d. Selectmen's Report – David Weathers – Mr. Weathers reported he attended a meeting earlier this week with the Town Manager, Earl Sires, Recreation Director, John Eastman, members of the Carroll County Kennel Club and their attorney. There was a discussion regarding Hussey Field concerning use restrictions and erosion concerns. Mr. Weathers advised that he explained to the Kennel Club the history of the field, flood history, erosion, etc., Mr. Weathers next explained that the Town has explained to them that we have given the Kennel Club vehicle restrictions for the events in the field on the bank area and also suggested they park in the north area. Mr. Weathers further advised that there was also discussion with the Kennel Club regarding the idea of possibly opening up another area for parking for them if necessary. Mr. Weathers next advised that he and Town Staff will be meeting with members of the Kennel Club in April after the snow melts to walk the area and review the discussions so there are no discrepancies this year with their use of the field.

e. Member Roundtable – Mr. Weathers questioned when the cutting would be done at the Abenaki site. Mr. Pinkham advised there is no timing set on the proposal –they need to get someone to do the climbing and there is no set time for this work.

Mr. Pinkham advised the Conservation Commission needs to submit their 2009 report for the Annual Town Report. Mr. Pinkham asked for input and ideas from commission members for writing the report. Mr. Weathers suggested mentioning information concerning the trail work done in Shedd Woods. It was suggested that the timber sale be mentioned and it was also suggested that the report talk about the warrant articles passed at Town Meeting last year. Mr. Pinkham advised he also goes through the minutes each year and pulls out information for the report. Mr. Pinkham requested that if anyone thinks of anything else for the reports to please let him know.

### OTHER BUSINESS

a, 2010 Budget – There was no discussion on this agenda item

b. Members and reappointments – There was no discussion on this agenda item.

c. USVLT Update – Mr. Pinkham advised that he has not heard anything recently from the USVLT on their project. Wink Lees advised that he could provide the update on this agenda item as he is on the Board of the USVLT. Mr. Lees advised that with regard to the Natural Resource Inventory project they hired two individuals, Dan Sperduto and Peter Ellis. They have been contracted and have started in on the initial part of the project. The Trust will meet with them next week to see where they are at with the project. Mr. Lees advised that things are on track.

d. Whitaker Trail Plan Work Progress – Mr. Pinkham advised that he was asked by a Budget Committee member if the Conservation Commission makes money from Cross Country Ski Trails. Mr. Pinkham stated he advised they do work on the trails and do it for the townspeople and this is separate from the agreement with the MWVSTA has with the Town of Conway.

e. Whitaker Video – There was no discussion on this agenda item.

f. Wetland Applications – Mr. Weathers advised that the Town received word regarding the Bacon property on East Conway Road advising approval has been given after the fact. The State advised that he has to restore and re-vegetate the wetland and this must be done in one year.

Mr. Weathers next reported he spoke with Todd Marshall and he will be applying to do some work on the Saco. The NHDES, Army Corp, and NRCS were out to look at the site and Mr. Marshall has to hire a private company to look at the site.

Mr. Weathers next reported that he has also received a couple calls from abutters on hillside road who are upset. The NHDES informed them they got a letter from the Conservation Commission that he wrote. People are keeping a close eye on the situation and they need written approval from abutters or the project won't go through.

g. Rules & Regulations – Hunting, Audubon Land Use Study 1990 – Mr. Pinkham reviewed that back in 1990 a land use study was done by the Audubon Society. The Conservation Commission makes reference to this study in the Hunting Rules; however, the study cannot be located anywhere in the records in Town Hall. Mr. Pinkham asked is anyone from the Commission would like to take the challenge of calling the Audubon Society to see if the study could be located. Mr. Weathers advised he would look through his files for a copy of the document and also suggested that Dave Sorenson may be someone to contact to see if he has a copy of the study as well.

NEXT MEETING

It was agreed the next meeting would be held on February 10, 2010 at 6:30 pm.

ADJOURN

At 7:10 pm, **Mr. Weathers moved, seconded by Ms. Kearney, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

Karen J Hallowell  
Recording Secretary