

**MINUTES OF MEETING
CONWAY CONSERVATION COMMISSION
November 14, 2012**

The November meeting of the Conway Conservation Commission convened at 6:30 p.m. at the Whitaker Homesite in North Conway, NH. Members present were: Rob Adair, Selectmen's Representative, David Weathers, Carol Lyman, Linda Kearney, Karla Allen, Larry Huemmler and Dan Lucy. Matt Coughlin was in attendance.

1. Approval of Minutes 10/10/12: The Minutes of October 10, 2012 should be amended as follows: page 1, paragraph 3, line 8, should read "...Redstone ~~piece~~ Properties (John Schiavi) which is ...". **Motion was made by Mr. Huemmler, seconded by Ms. Kearney, that the Minutes of the October 10th meeting be accepted as amended. Motion carried with Mr. Weathers abstaining from voting.**

2. Public Comment: None.

3. Reports:

Treasurer's Report: Carol Lyman gave an update of the amounts in each account.

Selectmen's Report: None.

4. Other Business

TNC – Marshall Redstone Property: Mr. Adair stated that the Nature Conservancy was looking to acquire 1,000+ acres in East Conway and Redstone. Mr. Adair asked if the Commission had any thoughts on it. Ms. Kearney stated that it seems to be a lot of money. Ms. Allen stated that it is a nice piece of property, but she is opposed as the Town would get nothing back. Mr. Weathers stated we would have no say in what they can do with the land once we give the donation. Ms. Allen stated that the Conway Conservation Commission has done the best out of the other Towns in managing conservation land and she thinks this would goes against the grain.

Mr. Adair stated that he viewed some of this land with Town Manager, Earl Sires, the other day. Mr. Adair stated that they both felt this would be an enforcement nightmare with the ATV activity and there would be some expense to maintain them as they would require mowing and there is a road. Mr. Weathers stated there is very little use of that road other than ATV's which is an ongoing problem. Dan Lucy joined the meeting at this time.

Ms. Allen stated a portion of the Redstone property is in the Commercial District and asked if any of that area is wet. Mr. Weathers stated 1/3 of the property is probably wet and the rest is steep. Mr. Weathers stated any portion of the land that is above 800 feet in elevation is unbuildable. Mr. Adair stated Glen Saunders wants to keep the commercially zoned piece.

Mr. Adair stated that the Nature Conservancy is looking to purchase these parcels and are asking us to contribute \$350,000. Mr. Weathers stated that Sut Marshall does not want it broken into house lots; he wants it to be used for Conservation. Mr. Lucy stated that this seems to be protected already. Mr. Adair stated that it is not formally, but the owner wants it to go that way.

Marshall - West Side Road: Mr. Adair stated that this land is also owned by the Marshall family. Mr. Adair stated that this is five parcels totaling just less than 400 acres. Mr. Adair stated that three lots are owned by Sut and Margaret Marshall and two lots are owned by Sut Marshall, his brother and his sister. Mr. Adair stated that they would like to see this land go to Conservation land and not developed. Mr. Adair stated that this is not something the Marshall's can donate and conservation easements are not an option either.

Mr. Adair stated there is a snowmobile trail on the parcels and it abuts the National Forest. Mr. Adair stated that the potential for timber management is pretty good. Mr. Adair stated he thinks there needs to be a site visit.

Ms. Kearney asked if we would maintain trails. Mr. Adair stated that we would manage it like our other lands. Mr. Weathers stated that the roads usually become your trails. Mr. Adair stated the next step is are we going to pursue this, talk to Sut to see if his family is on board and negotiate a price. The Commission agreed.

Ms. Lyman stated we should look to see if this is something we could purchase overtime. Mr. Weathers stated that he thinks that could be put on the table and possibly negotiate part of the revenue from the timer cut. Mr. Huemmler asked if this is in current use. Mr. Adair stated most of it is, but not the piece located next to the road.

North South Road Land: Ms. Kearney asked that status of the property located on the North-South Road. Mr. Adair stated that the Town now owns it and the Commission should walk the property.

Wetland Applications: None

Adjourn: There being no further business; **Motion was made by Mr. Weathers, seconded by Ms. Kearney and carried, that the meeting be adjourned at 7:08 p.m.**

**Respectfully Submitted,
Holly L. Meserve
Acting Recording Secretary**