

**MINUTES OF MEETING  
CONWAY CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
January 9, 2013**

The January 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, Carol Lyman, Linda Kearney, Karla Allen, David Weathers and Larry Huemmler. Dan Lucy joined the meeting at 6:40 p.m. Also present were Burr Phillips and Mark Miller.

**1. Approval of Minutes 12/12/12** The following correction was noted: Pg. 2, under Election of Officers, Rob Adair should be listed as President of New England Mountain Bike Association not White Mt. Milers. **Motion was made by Ms. Kearney, seconded by Ms. Lyman, that the Minutes of the Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> meeting be accepted as corrected. Motion carried with 5 votes in the affirmative and 1 abstention (Weathers).**

Messrs. Phillips and Miller were invited to join the meeting to present a proposal for expansion of the North Conway Community Center, site plan application for which has been submitted to the town; however, input is required from the Conservation Commission regarding a small parcel which is half owned by North Conway Country Club and half owned by the Town of Conway, for which an easement is needed to cross over to the Country Club property. It will require two public hearings. The parking lot would be served through the Country Club driveway, eliminating exit onto Norcross Circle. Permission is required from the town to use the Country Club entrance; permission has already been granted by the Country Club. It was pointed out that this is not a parcel that the Conservation Commission manages, but their approval is required for town-owned lands.

Mr. Weathers stated it will require two public hearings (scheduled for Jan. 29 and Feb. 16) along with input from the CCC and Planning Board in conjunction with the public hearings - the public hearing addresses the access, not the building. Mr. Phillips stated the alternative, if the CCC does not approve the proposal, would be to build a separate entrance out onto Norcross Circle, which he said makes no sense.

**Motion was made by Ms. Kearney, seconded by Mr. Huemmler, that the Commission approve the proposed access. Motion carried with 6 votes in the affirmative and 1 abstention (Weathers).** The Chairman will forward a letter to that effect to the Board of Selectmen.

**Reports:** Neither Forester, Don Johnson, nor TNC representative, Wink Lees, were present.

Mr. Weathers provided a report on behalf of the Selectmen advising that notification has been received from DES of a complaint regarding a possible violation by George and Rosemarie Dirkes at 161 Artist Falls Road, tax map/lot 219/316, alleging that they may have altered the bank and bed of a stream without a permit or proper authorization from DES. If there is found to be a violation, DES has the authority to take enforcement action and the owners have been given 20 days from Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> to respond.

Alternate to Conservation Commission: Mr. Weathers stated that the name of Matt Coughlan was presented to the Selectmen to serve as an Alternate on the Commission and has been approved. It is assumed that Mr. Coughlan will be notified by the town.

Town Report: Mr. Adair noted that it is time for the annual report of the Conservation Commission to be submitted for inclusion in the Town Report. He asked for input or suggestions from the members.

**Other Business:** Nomination/Election of Officers (Chair, Vice Chair and Treasurer) – **Motion was made by Ms. Kearney, seconded by Ms. Allen, to nominate Rob Adair as Chair, Larry Huemmler as Vice Chair, and Carol Lyman as Treasurer. There being no further nominations, voting proceeded on the motion, which passed with 6 votes in the affirmative and 1 abstention (Huemmler).**

Review of Conservation Lands: It was agreed that all members should be aware of the lands which fall under the authority of the Commission; however, it was noted that not all members have a complete file of all the lands that encompasses, and Carol Lyman was asked to bring in her book depicting all the lands, including description and maps. Mr. Adair asked for suggestions on how best to monitor the lands. Mr. Lucy indicated that previous policy was for each member to be responsible for visiting a specific parcel periodically to ensure that it is being maintained. Mr. Adair agreed there should be some protocol for doing this and suggested a quarterly report on the condition of each parcel. The various lands were assigned as follows:

Hurricane Mt. Road Common Lands – Dan Lucy  
Walker's Pond Area – Linda Kearney  
East Conway Common Lands – Larry Huemmler  
Shedd Woods and Hubbard-Davis Land – Carol Lyman  
Pudding Pond and 11 acre North/South Rd. Parcel – Rob Adair  
Whitaker Woods – Karla Allen

It was agreed a quarterly report will be submitted on each parcel, advising of any maintenance, etc. that may be needed.

**Member Roundtable:**

North Conway Community Center Expansion: Mr. Weathers reported that regarding the North Conway Community Center access situation, that group met with the Selectmen on Tuesday and many business people spoke against having that size expansion in that location, going from 2,500 sq. ft. to 14,700 sq. ft.; the peak for the present building is 26', proposed expansion peak is 39' (in comparison it would be the same height as the new apartment building across from the Shurfine Store in Conway Village or the new Walgreen's. It was noted that much of it is intended to be used as a gymnasium. Mr. Weathers said the concern was there is no setback like the other buildings compared to. He noted everyone was in favor

of the Community Center, but suggestion was made that it might be moved to the location of the former SAU Office. He noted that the group will be meeting with Town Planner, Tom Irving, and Earl Sires on Thursday. The Selectmen did not see the final plan until yesterday's meeting. Mr. Weathers noted that the only input the town has as regards the North Conway Community Center is in raising \$70,000 to \$75,000 annually through a warrant article.

Mr. Weathers noted of concern also was the height of the building which would obstruct the view and will change the landscape of the village; however, as long as they stay within the guidelines of the Planning Board, they can put up that building.

Marshall West Side Road Property – Mr. Adair had a copy of the Forest Stewardship Plans (prepared by Barry Keith in 2002 and 2007), which provides recommendation on forestry, etc. and which he has scanned into a PDF file and offered to send a link for people to download it. It was noted that it will require two public hearings. Mr. Lucy said the proposal is that that land become as any other piece the Commission watches over and if going to a public hearing we should have some thought as to what we want to do with it. Mr. Adair offered to go in and inventory all the existing trails and skid roads, noting we would want to put together a plan for trails and forestry, which he said NEMBA would be willing to help with.

**Adjourn:** There being no further business, **Motion was made by Ms. Kearney, seconded by Mr. Lucy and carried, that the meeting be adjourned at 7:25 p.m.**

**Respectfully Submitted,  
Gail T. Currier, Recording Secretary**