

**MINUTES OF MEETING  
CONWAY CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
August 13, 2014**

The August meeting of the Conway Conservation Commission convened at 6:32 p.m. at the Whitaker Homesite in North Conway, NH. Members present were: Rob Adair, Linda Kearney, Karla Allen, Carol Lyman and Larry Huemmler.

**1. Approval of Minutes 6/11/14: Motion was made by Ms. Kearney, seconded by Mr. Huemmler, that the Minutes of the June 11<sup>th</sup> meeting be accepted as circulated. Motion carried by unanimous vote.**

**2. Public Comment:** None.

**3. Reports:** [There were no representatives from either Forest Land Improvement or The Nature Conservancy present.]

Mr. Adair reported that the Memorandum of Understanding has been received from The Nature Conservancy. \$2,000 is proposed for services through 2014 as outlined in the Memorandum, including maintenance of trails on Hurricane Mt. Road and improvements to Black Cap connector trail, and various other items for which \$2,000 had been budgeted. **Motion was made by Ms. Kearney, second by Ms. Allen, to accept the Memorandum of Agreement with The Nature Conservancy. Carried by unanimous vote.**

There was no Selectmen's Report as Mr. Weathers was not present.

**Other Business:**

**a. Proposed Whitaker Herbicide Application** – Mr. Adair reported that information had been forwarded from the application company; however, they did not answer the questions asked regarding the effects on the blueberry and blackberry crop or wildlife. Mr. Adair said he is concerned with public picking berries if they do not know they have been sprayed. Ms. Kearney, questioning whether we have a choice, and suggested a notice be posted in the newspaper advising the public of the spraying. Mr. Adair stated we can tell them we do not want them spraying in Whitaker Woods. Ms. Kearney stated what they use is approved by the State; however, they cannot select certain bushes. Ms. Allen explained the technologies of spraying and the blocking off of the area, stating she feels with this operation it would be "boots on the ground." Ms. Kearney noted around Ossipee Lake whenever they apply to get rid of things like milfoil, they post it in the paper to alert the public. Mr. Adair said they acknowledge they can use mechanical methods. Ms. Lyman questioned what has been done in the past, and Mr. Adair said he does not believe they sprayed previously. Ms. Lyman questioned "then why now?" Mr. Adair said they may be looking at an alternative that will be less costly.

Ms. Allen said she could inquire as to whether they have sprays that will target certain things and not others. Mr. Huemmler researched different chemicals, noting they do target. Mr.

Adair stated the specific questions asked were not answered except for describing what the chemicals are that they use. It was reported this is to be done in the fall; Ms. Allen stated then she is O.K. with it because it will be after the berry-picking season. Mr. Adair said he would not be voting in favor of it because they did not answer the questions asked regarding the berries to be consumed. Ms. Allen will research this with the company she deals with to get answers based on what they are using for chemicals.

**Motion was made by Ms. Allen, seconded by Ms. Lyman, to table the subject until the next meeting, after further research has been done. Motion carried with 4 votes in the affirmative and 1 abstention (Kearney).**

**b. Whitaker Events – 10/18 Conway Recreation Dept. 5K run – It was noted this is intended to be a fundraiser for the Friends of Conway Recreation. Motion made by Ms. Kearney, second by Mr. Huemmler, that the Commission approve the 5K Run proposed by the Conway Rec Dept. for October 18<sup>th</sup>. Motion carried by unanimous vote.**

**c. Marshall West Side Road Property – Mr. Adair has had a couple of meetings with the Marshalls; there were some questions on the issue of boundary lines not being clear, and access issues with adjacent landowners – he would like to see a public hearing date set for two weeks from tonight at the Whitaker Homesite. A tentative date of August 27<sup>th</sup> was agreed upon. Mr. Adair urged all Commission members to attend. Motion was made by Ms. Lyman, seconded by Ms. Allen, that the Commission hold a public hearing with regard to the Marshall property on August 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at the Whitaker Homesite. Motion carried by unanimous vote.**

Mr. Adair said he spoke with Sut Marshall this morning and the family would like to make sure there are deed restrictions to preserve the land as a town forest and prohibiting any development, their concern being a future Board of Selectmen could (with two public hearings) decide they wish to sell off some conservation lands.

**d. Member Roundtable – Mr. Adair, referencing the Redstone Quarry trail that was built last year, noted there has been discussion as to a name for the trail. Suggestion has been made that the “Steve Swenson Trail” would be appropriate given his involvement with and dedication to the quarry.**

Mr. Huemmler commented there was an interesting headline in the newspaper that Sut Marshall is donating his property on East Conway Road to the Conway Rec Dept. and questioned whether that would be under CCC jurisdiction. Mr. Adair stated no, it would be for the benefit of Conway Recreation Dept. Mr. Huemmler felt in a case like that they would have to have CCC sign off.

Ms. Allen questioned whether anyone is interested in attending the American Tree Farm meeting on Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> in the Hopkinton area. She will be participating and there will be a discussion on sawmills.

Ms. Lyman reported she has seen the Abenaki Gift Shop open recently.

**Treasurer's Report:** Ms. Lyman provided copies of the Treasurer's Report from January 2014 to August 2014. There was comment that FLI did "a bunch of work" budgeted for the year, including updating the management plan for the Hurricane Mt. Road lot - \$3500.

**Next Meeting – September 10, 2014.**

**Adjourn:** There being no further business, **Motion was made by Ms. Kearney, seconded by Ms. Lyman and carried, that the meeting be adjourned at 7:05 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Gail T. Currier, Recording Secretary