

MINUTES OF MEETING

CONWAY CONSERVATION COMMISSION

October 8, 2014

The September 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, Chair; Carol Lyman, Treasurer; Dan Lucy; Karla Allen; and Linda Kearney.

Approval of Minutes 09/10/14: Motion was made by Ms. Kearney, seconded by Ms. Lyman, that the Minutes of the September 10th meeting be accepted as written. Motion unanimously carried.

MWV Trails Association/NEMBA – Trails Plan: Steve Vosburg, Director of Cross Country skiing for ESSC and a Coach at Kennett High School, appeared before the Board. Mr. Vosburg stated there is a fair amount of use of this area and some of the uses conflict. Mr. Vosburg stated with the potential of a bike path he thought it would be a good time to look at other multi-use trails. Mr. Vosburg stated one of the problems for skiers are those who walk their dog and are not responsible for cleaning up after their dogs.

Mr. Vosburg stated that he would like to propose a dog walking trail; having a start for the dogs would separate the dog walkers and the skiers. Ms. Kearney asked if he was suggesting cutting a new trail. Mr. Vosburg answered in the affirmative; it would entail taking down small stuff and brush and be approximately 10-feet in width. Ms. Kearney asked if this was for winter use only. Mr. Vosburg stated start with winter, as it is not as much of a problem in the summer. Mr. Lucy stated should make it a habitat and start in the same area all year.

Mr. Lucy stated a lot of skiers bring their dogs and don't pay attention. Mr. Vosburg stated that you are not going to get 100% compliance unless you are policing it. Mr. Vosburg stated if we start the communication hopefully it will get better. Mr. Adair stated that the education portion may be more difficult than creating a new path. Mr. Vosburg stated that the kiosk, dog waste bags and a trash bucket would be placed at the entrance of the trail [which would be to the left of the Whitaker Homesite building]. Ms. Allen asked who fills the bags when it is empty. Mr. Vosburg stated that he did not know, but would ask Paul DegliAngeli. Ms. Meserve stated that John Eastman oversees the Recreation sites.

Mr. Adair stated that it is worth a try. Ms. Allen stated that a pass is required and an informational sheet could be given out at the time of the pass renewal. There was a brief discussion regarding the proposed bike path and its location. **Ms. Kearney moved, seconded by Ms. Allen, to allow the cutting of a dog trail to Beginner Loop Trail for purpose of walking dogs in Whitaker Woods. Motion unanimously carried.**

Don Johnson – FLI: Mr. Johnson stated that the two harvest areas on Hurricane Mountain Road should be done and closed up in about two weeks; the project went well.

Budget: The Commission reviewed the attached budget sheet.

Marshall – West Side Road progress: Mr. Adair stated that the Attorneys for both sides are working on a purchase and sales agreement. Mr. Adair stated that a PNS should be signed before the timber work starts. Mr. Adair stated that the Marshall's are spending approximately \$12,000 for some surveying and repining and has asked the Town to spend \$2,000 for a surveyed boundary plan. Mr. Adair stated that the money can come out of the land acquisitions account. **Ms. Allen moved, seconded by Mr. Lucy, to approve the \$2,000 for surveying work. Motion unanimously carried.**

NH CO-OP – Herbicide in Whitaker Woods: Mr. Adair stated at the last meeting the Commission voted to not allow the spraying of herbicide, but apparently they did it two days before the meeting.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be November 12, 2014.

Adjourn: There being no further business; **the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.**

**Respectfully Submitted,
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TOWN OF CONWAY PROPOSED FORESTRY BUDGET 2015

Lot & Management	Expense	Priority
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oversee the proposed harvest on the Marshall Lots as the Town of Conway Forester/Representative. 	\$3,700.00	2
<u>Whitaker Woods:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mow road and trail under power lines, vista, and landing north of power lines. 	\$500.00	3
<u>Shedd Woods:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brush saw vista and scenic stand along route 16. Repair broken fence rails, (2) at this time. 	\$475.00	4
<u>Common Lands:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Compartments II & III. Repaint the property lines painted in the year 2000, (10,688'). Compartment II. Obtain easement deed to cross Mount Cranmore land on access #1. Process and price negotiated with Douglas Burnell. Brush saw saplings in upper reaches of the Red Tail Trail in clear cut #10 last done in 2013, for the vista and wildlife purposes. (~2 acres). Compartment II. Investigate the feasibility of creating a vista on the Hurricane Mountain Road on the flat just uphill of the second switchback. 	\$1,250.00	5
	\$1,500.00	6
	\$1,800.00	7
	\$500.00	12
<u>Pudding Pond Lot:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> White pine sapling release from hardwood competition on the westerly portions of the lot that were harvested in 2011. (~5 acres). Hardwood crop tree selection and release in the most southern clear cut in compartment 3. (~2 acres). Reflag the estimated extent of the bypass corridor. 	\$1,800.00	8
	\$150.00	9
<u>Abenaki Site:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brush saw saplings in openings and around buildings. 	\$200.00	10
<u>Lot and Location To Be Determined At A Later Date:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trail construction, maintenance 	\$3,000.00	11
<u>Consulting:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meetings, reports, presentations. 	\$1,500.00	1
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	\$16,375.00	

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Conway Conservation Commission - 2015 Budget Proposed

	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
Conferences & Education	0	0	0	0	0
Minutes, office, etc.	825	825	750	750	750
Memberships - NH Conservation Commission Association	375	425	425	425	431
Forest and wetlands management	14550	9290	11844	12025	12675 12175
TNC trail work and mapping	1500	2000	2000	2000	2000
TOTAL	17250	12540	15019	15200	15856

Forest & Wetlands Management detail - 2015

	<u>Priority</u>
Whitaker Woods	
Mowing	3
500	
Shedd Woods	
Brush saw, fence repair	4
475	
Common Lands	
Repaint property lines	5
1250	
Easement deed	6
1500	
Brush saw vista/wildlife	7
1800	
Vista feasibility	12
500	
Pudding Pond	
White Pine release	8
1800	
Flag bypass corridor	9
150	
Marshall	
Consulting	2
Hubbard Davis - Abenaki	
Brush saw	10
200	
FLI Consulting	
Trail improvements	11
3000	
Meetings, Reports,, Presentations	1
1500	
TOTAL	
12675	