

**CONWAY CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
March 16, 2016**

The March monthly meeting of the Conway Conservation Commission convened at 6:30 P.M. at the Whitaker Home Site Meeting House in North Conway.

Present: Chairman Rob Adair, Vice Chairman Larry Huemmler, Carol Lyman, Treasurer; Dan Lucy, Linda Kearney, Selectmen Representative Dave Weathers, Theresa Gallagher, Recording Secretary

Absent: Karla Allen, Pat Ferland, Alternate; Nat Lucy, Alternate;

1. Public Comment: None.

2. **Approval of the Minutes 2/10/2016. Linda Kearney made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2016 CCC meeting as written; seconded by Carol Lyman. Chairperson Rob Adair asked for any discussion; there was none. Chairman Rob Adair called for a vote to accept the minutes as written. Motion passed. (5-0) 1 abstaining, Dave Weathers was not present at the meeting.**

3. Reports:

a. Chairperson Rob Adair contacted Marc Martin to discuss his suggestion of having the Conway Conservation Committee offer guided tours to the public at the Historic Redstone Quarry. Although the Committee is not in the business of giving guided tours, Marc will give a presentation in April with a preservationist assisting him. Marc did a great job cleaning up the path in that area over the last four years, and would like to continue the work, with the Conservation Committee's permission. Everyone agreed it is an improvement of the area and Marc Martin should continue the work.

b. Trail Committee Reports:

Whitaker Woods – Nat Lucy has been a volunteer for years, and he is willing to Chair the Whitaker Woods Trails Committee. Steve Vosburg, who does the grooming for Nordic skiing, will be asked to be on the Committee as well. Anyone else who would like to be involved in this committee is welcome to sign up.

Marshall Conservation Area – work is set for this Spring. The Committee is ready to start on the single track. Rob has a mini excavator to do Shumway Trail from the bottom to where they ended last year, taking it to the top of the hill. He will ask WMNEMBA to help pay for the fuel. As far as liability, Rob can do the work as a volunteer because he will not charge money, and he will get a policy from his insurance company on the equipment as non-commercial. Discussion continued on the main access, flattening, doing something with the shoulders and crowning. Dave Weathers will inspect the road and make suggestions for reshaping and stabilizing it, especially for emergency access. The work will be planned for next year and will be included in next year's budget. Funds are

limited so the trail committee will decide what can be done this year and next year, and who will do the work.

Pudding Pond – Rob Adair ran into a person who was concerned about people leaving trash in the area, due to the parking lot being so small and overcrowded on Thompson Road. Rob explained that the Conway Conservation Commission established a trail head and walkway at Hemlock Lane for another access, but there is nothing else that can be done at this time.

An effort should be made to walk other conservation areas, such as Walker’s Pond, Shedd Woods, Redstone Park and others.

- c. Selectmen’s Report: Dave Weathers reported that discussion at the Budget Meeting included a review of revenue and expenses. The Conservation Commission underspent 23.1 % of their budget. A question came up about the CCC appropriating money, but they are not spending it. Rob Adair explained \$3K was appropriated for trail work. However the parking lot was done and the bill was taken out of the Land Acquisition Fund. This year’s budget is even less than last year’s budget. Another issue that affects the budget is that the Nature Conservancy sends in their bill very late. Discussion continued on the budget and expenses.

Chairman Rob Adair received a request for one more Whitaker Woods event: Flying Falcon 1k & 5k Fun Run, Sunday May 22nd, sponsored by the John Fuller PTA. Dave Weathers reported that each event requires a \$500 deposit, which the Town of Conway holds in case there is some damage; however, the Town may come up with a different schedule in the future. The \$500 is returned at the end of the event. **Chairperson Rob Adair asked for a motion to accept the added event scheduled at Whittaker Woods for this year: Flying Falcon 1k & 5k Fun Run, Sunday May 22nd - John Fuller PTA. Chairman Rob Adair asked for any further discussion. There was none. Vice Chairman Larry Huemmler made a motion to accept the added event to the scheduled events for 2016; seconded by Linda Kearney. Passed unanimously.**

- d. Round Table Discussion; all positions on the Conway Conservation Committee are filled. A schedule of events will be posted inside the Kiosk and Town website. Theresa Gallagher will create the calendar of events.

6. Next Meeting – The next meeting will be April 13, 2016 at 6:30 at the Whitaker Home Site Meeting House in North Conway.

Adjourn: Linda Kearny made a motion to adjourn at 7:03 P.M.; seconded by Dave Weathers. Passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Theresa Ann Gallagher

Recording Secretary