

CONWAY CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
April 13, 2016

The April 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, Karla Allen, Nat Lucy, Alternate, Theresa Gallagher, Recording Secretary

Absent: Selectmen Representative Dave Weathers, Pat Ferland, Alternate

1. Public Comment: None.
2. **Approval of the Minutes 3/16//2016. Linda Kearney made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 16, 2016 CCC meeting as written; seconded by Larry Huemmler. 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. (6-0) 1 abstaining, Karla Allen was not present at the meeting.**

3. Trail Committee Reports:

- a. Marshall Conservation Area: Chairperson Rob Adair and Nat Lucy met with Don Johnson and walked the proposed rec trail, which is phase one of the project. It measures 1,750 feet, and will cost \$5 to \$7 per foot to clear, stump and grade. The path will be 8 to 10 feet wide. The total cost would be around \$8,750 to \$12,250. The Committee has \$5,000 in the budget for trail work, and will use it to have as much done as possible. Don Johnson suggested having the clearing and stumping done on all of the path first, and then maybe grade half of it.

Whitaker Woods: Chairperson Rob Adair, Nat Lucy and Don Johnson walked Whitaker Woods on the east end of the power lines, where the plan is to build a snaking trail that goes up the steep hill along the power lines. It would be good for skiing and also for a recreation path that connects over to the Cranmore side. Don Johnson may be hired to help with the project, along with using volunteers for some of the work.

Karla Allen walked the Walkers Pond path by the Pine Tree School. It looks very good. However, the old mill signs are in bad condition, and repairs should be considered for next year's budget. Karla also walked the path by the Police Station, which is good and the signs look great..

NEMBA has been working on the trail sign project with the DOT mitigation lands between Pudding Pond and the Redstone Quarry; 14 posts have been installed with trail signs on each of them. They also want to put the trail map in a kiosk showing the main intersections on the trails, which are all numbered.

Discussion continued on the “Good Look Touring” business and its continuation. The Town of Conway manages the property that the business uses for tours. No permit is needed to run the business. Liability lies with the business not with the Town. Chairman Rob Adair told Marc Martin that nothing can be pulled off the property for salvage. At this time no action is needed by the Conway Conservation Committee.

- b. Selectmen’s Report: Dave Weathers told Rob Adair that one wetlands application was submitted by the Town for a culvert on Davis Hill, and it has been approved.
- c. Round Table Discussion: Downed trees on the conservation lands are available for anyone to take away for firewood. However, it depends on the accessibility. The consensus is to allow the wood to be taken away, but if it becomes a problem, a message to the public will have to be published in the local newspaper.

Chairperson Rob Adair asked for a motion to mark the \$5K in the budget for the Marshal Conservation Area trail work. Karla Allen made the motion; seconded by Linda Kearney. Rob Adair asked for further discussion. It is agreed that Forest Land Improvement will do the work. Chairman Rob Adair called for a vote to mark the \$5K in the budget for the Marshal Conservation Area trail work. All in favor (7-0). Passed unanimously.

- 6. **Next Meeting – The next meeting will be May 11, 2016 at 6:30 at the Whitaker Home Site Meeting House in North Conway.**

Adjourn: Linda Kearny made a motion to adjourn at 7:00 P.M.; seconded by Carol Lyman. Passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Theresa Ann Gallagher

Recording Secretary