

CONWAY CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
August 10, 2016

The August monthly meeting of the Conway Conservation Commission convened at 6:32 P.M. at the Whittaker Home Site Meeting House in North Conway.

Present: Chairman Rob Adair, Vice Chairman Larry Huemmler, Dan Lucy, Linda Kearney, Karla Allen, Selectmen Representative Dave Weathers, Theresa Gallagher, Recording Secretary

Absent: Carol Lyman, Treasurer; Nat Lucy & Pat Ferland, Alternates

1. **Approval of the Minutes 6/8/2016. Linda Kearney made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 8, 2016 CCC meeting as written; seconded by Karla Allen. Chairperson Rob Adair asked for any discussion; one correction: Whittaker Woods should have only one “t” (two spots). He called for a vote to accept the minutes as corrected. Motion passed unanimously (6-0).**
2. Public Comment: None.
3. Forester Don Johnson is not present to give his report.
4. Trail Committee Reports:

Marshall Conservation Area - The Shumway single track trail is complete, and the T-bone connector is complete. Rob used the Marshall Conservation Area trail map to point out the work done and the work not done. Dan Lucy suggested having a Kiosk with the map in it for the hikers. Some people (Rob Zimmerman and the MWV Bicycling Club) asked Rob if a new trail being developed could be named after a long time bike mechanic, Greg Muzerall, known as Muzzy, because he was an avid biker and made a lot of contributions to the community. Greg was the son of artist Myke Morton from Jackson. The T-Bone Connector trail for hiking and biking was one area in consideration. Everyone agreed it was fine, and Rob said he would like to ask the people who did the work on the trail for their input. It was suggested to keep it on the agenda until a decision is made. Some members of the committee had concerns that more people will be submitting similar requests in the future.

A question came up about permission to use the Old Location Road off the Marshall property. Rob said he did not talk with Sally Allard, and has no new information. At this time Rob is trying to get the machine out of there. Discussion ensued regarding the connection of Lucille's Loop to the log landing. Karla mentioned that there is a lot of water in two spots on one of the trails, one of them at the top of the trail. Karla said she will walk the trail again to check the situation. Rob Adair invited the Committee to walk the trail with him as he shares his ideas of what can be done, and also to estimate the cost of future work on other sections of the trail.

Rob announced that NEMBA's 16th Annual Trail Day was a success with about 35 people showing up to do the work. Rob pointed out on the map what section was worked on. Another Trail Day was held on the Red Tail Trail in June for maintenance.

Whittaker Woods – No further reports have been received.

5. Redstone Building Quarry Rehab Proposed – The carpenter’s shop in the Quarry was the topic of discussion by an interested person who wants to save historic buildings. Rob met with him, Howard Allen from Lemington, ME. The building is in good shape because of the roof, but parts of the structure are in disrepair and will need a lot of work. The interested person would like to see a group of people get together to work on restoring the building. His suggestion is to make it a museum. After some discussion the Committee agreed that this project involves a lot of work (including carpentry work), and would involve purchasing of a lot of building materials. Money for the project is an issue. Also, the Committee considered the fact that the building is State owned, and the future of it is unknown. It’s not the business of the CCC to restore the building; this project should be approached by the Historical Preservation Committee recently formed in North Conway.

6. Selectmen’s Report:

Dave Weathers reported that there are no new applications. The Board of Selectmen are still waiting for the State’s response for the Alteration of Terrain permit application for Steve Morrill. He also reported that the State did water quality testing on First Bridge, Davis Park and the Town Beach. Davis Park was reported to have a problem, but since then it has been resolved. Karla had been approached about fallen tree branches in the river, which can cause a hazard for swimmers. The Committee said it’s not a concern for the CCC, but for the NH Fish and Game Department.

7. Round Table Discussion:

The Conservation Committee’s summer picnic is postponed until October, right after the Fryeburg Fair, due to everyone’s busy summer schedules.

Karla reminded everyone of the Hidden Valley Scout Camp event on September 17th in Gilmanton Iron Works. There will be a lot of activities this year for the kids.

Rob announced the NH Association of Conservation Commissions Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, November 12th at Pembroke Academy in Pembroke.

Larry Huemmler announced that he walked the East Conway Common Grounds on the day they were doing the tree cutting. It’s very interesting property and they are doing impressive work. Don Johnson’s bills have been submitted and he has used 90% of his budget.

Next Meeting – The next meeting will be September 14, 2016 at 6:30 at the Whittaker Home Site Meeting House in North Conway.

Adjourn: Linda Kearney made a motion to adjourn at 7:10 P.M.; seconded by Dave Weathers. Passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted, *Theresa Ann Gallagher* Recording Secretary