

**CONWAY CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
Wednesday, June 13, 2018**

The June monthly meeting of the Conway Conservation Commission took place at the Whitaker Home Site Meeting House in North Conway.

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

Absent: Pat Ferland, Nat Lucy

1. **Approval of the Minutes for May 9, 2018: Chairman Rob Adair asked for a motion to accept the May 9, 2018 meeting minutes; Dave Weathers had a correction on page 2, #4, second sentence - entities, not clear. Delete the sentence. Chairman Rob Adair asked for a motion to approve the May 9, 2018 meeting minutes as amended Linda Kearney made the motion; seconded by Dave Weathers. Motion passed unanimously (6-0).**

Rob Adair reported that the Bark in the Park event, which was approved last month, is not going to be held on October 7<sup>th</sup>; it will be September 22<sup>nd</sup>; the name is changed to Walk in the Woods, and will be held at Whitaker Woods. Everyone agreed to approve the date and location for the event.

No Report from Don Johnson.

2. Reports and Other Business:

- a. Trail Planning / Stewards: Rob Adair reported that he, Dan Lucy, and Larry Huemmler will get together to decide what work will be done on the Marshall Conservation Area. Rob Adair invited Earl Sires, former Conway Town Manager, to be on the Marshall Conservation Area Committee because he knows the area very well. Earl Sires responded that he will be happy to join the committee.
- b. Selectmen's Report: Dave Weathers reported that Seavey Street maintenance is underway; and the paving has been done on three of the main roads.

Three Dredge and Fill Applications were submitted to the Town; he will ask Jackie White for copies. The applications were for minimum impact, and shore line improvement; the State granted a permit for Sunset Shore Road on Conway Lake. One permit is for the Sunset Shore Association and the other one is for Richard Pease.

Dave Weathers reported that there is a fund raising effort in place for the proposed Rec Path; the fund raising committee is using the letter from the Board of Selectmen, which states that they are in favor of the Rec Path project. However, the committee is saying that all permits have been obtained, but that's not true. Dave Weathers stated that he has concerns about the statement that Larry Garland made, saying that they are going to use the elevated walkway versus the roadway, particularly in reference to Pudding Pond access.

Dave Weathers commented that he would like to see a report to show the expenses that would be involved. He knows that the State will look more favorably to the elevated walkway.

Dave Weathers also stated that he has concerns about loggers having access to the road, if it is built and the current access is eliminated; the loggers may be prevented from using it in the future because of possible damage they could cause to the road. Dave Weathers said he would like to see the access road stay where it is, relocating the path on the west side of the road. Rob Adair explained that, from a wetlands impact, improving the existing road between Thompson Road and where the kiosks are, would be less of an impact than drilling peers into wetland, which would have to be included in the permit. Dave agreed that the impact will be the diameter of the post going down into the wetland. Rob commented that the equipment used to clear the trees in the corridor will also have an impact on the wetlands, if the path is moved off the access road. Dan Lucy remarked that this discussion took place before and the conclusion was to have a separate path on the side of the road. Rob Adair also reminded everyone that the Conservation Commission's approval was contingent on a separate access. If that changes, the Rec Path Committee will have to come back for another discussion. The approval can be contingent on allowing emergency vehicles and timber workers having access to the road.

Rob Adair said he will look into the statement made by the fund raising committee, that all permits are obtained. The Wetlands Permit and the Alteration of Terrain Permit Applications have not yet been submitted. Rob said he will talk with the person making the statements and will correct them. He also will look into the cost for both possible plans, boardwalk or pavement, currently being reviewed for the project.

Rob Adair welcomed Peter Minnich to the Conway Conservation Commission, and introduced him to the members.

3. Round Table: Rob Adair reported that he contacted Mr. Garland who provides the porta potties; the cost is \$110 per month for one unit serviced weekly. If the Conway Conservation Commission decides to provide them at a trailhead it would cost \$330 for the three months of summer.

Linda Kearney asked if there is a plan in place for the work to be done by Forester Don Johnson at the Marshall Conservation Area. Rob said the Committee is holding a meeting after this meeting to decide what work will be done.

Dave Weathers reported that the Board of Selectmen are reviewing requests for special events, which are supposed to be submitted 90 days before the event. There is a lot of work to prepare for the events and a lot of notifications have to be made. Those that file late will be receiving penalties. Rob Adair said he contacted the Library, and tried to contact someone from the Humane Society to find out if they are planning events. He went away for three weeks, and when he came back he finished his memos to the Rec Department.

Peter Minnich asked about the trail by Conway Lake; he said he was fishing with his grandson and they walked down the embankment where the houses start, before you cross the bridge, and there were two no parking, no trespassing signs facing the water. He assumed that they were there to prevent people from mooring their boats. Dave Weathers stated that there is no reason

for moorings to be there; the Town doesn't grant permits for them, and the State doesn't oversee them. He said the Town is planning to redo the launch area, which will be expensive because they will be using material that doesn't wash out. During the discussion Dave mentioned that there were so many boats in there, it was a nightmare to take the boats out of the water, and to moor them. Peter Minnich asked whose property the two signs were; Dave Weathers said he doesn't know but he will find out.

Larry Huemmler asked about the advertising for an attendant at Diana's Bath. Dave Weathers said it would be a part time position. However, there are no funds in the budget for the attendant; The Forest Service is going to donate some money to pay for it, which will be weekends only. The Police Department also offered \$3,500 to pay for the position. The area gets busy as early as 10 AM. The cars stack along the road and it is dangerous for people with their children getting out of their cars. Dan Lucy commented that Diana's Bath is way over-used, and the Forest Service needs to get involved. The Committee agreed.

Rob Adair asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 P.M. Linda Kearney made the motion; seconded by Dan Lucy. Passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Theresa Ann Gallagher*

Recording Secretary