

**MINUTES OF MEETING
CONWAY CONSERVATION COMMISSION
January 12, 2005**

A meeting of the Conway Conservation Commission convened at 6:34 PM at the Whitaker Homesite in North Conway, NH. Present were: Chair, Paul Pinkham; Rob Adair; David Weathers; Carol Lyman and Alternate Conrad Briggs. Dan Lucy joined the meeting at 6:45.

The Chair appointed Mr. Briggs as a full voting member.

Approval of Minutes (November 10, 2004): Amendment offered by Mr. Adair as follows: On Page 2. the words “local mountain bike club” be replaced by “New England Mountain Biking Association” and on Page 3. under **Pudding Pond Bridge** delete the words “from that there are some materials that could be used.” **Motion was made by Mr. Adair, seconded by Mr. Briggs that the Minutes of the November 10th meeting be approved as amended.** Mr. Weathers made note that the October minutes do not make reference to a discussion that took place at the October meeting regarding the gas station property that adjoins the Whitaker Land. None of the CCC members present at tonight’s meeting could recall this discussion. Mr. Pinkham will consult with the other CCC members not present at tonight’s meeting and contact Gail Carrier, recording secretary, in an effort to determine if there are any omissions that should have been recorded in the October minutes. **Motion carried and the Minutes of the November 10TH meeting were approved as amended.**

Public Comment: None.

Mr. Adair reported to the Commissioners that Mr. McCulloch would like to give a lot that he owns to the Conservation. The lot being discussed, Lot #42, is located at Crown Ridge in Kearsarge. It is approximately 16 acres of land consisting of mostly hemlocks and borders a brook. It contains some existing ski trails. It falls well within Lot #43 owned by the North Conway Water Precinct (NCWP) and abuts Lot #40 and #41 owned by the Town. The easement to the property once offered by John Jones is no longer applicable. Mr. Pinkham questioned whether a conservation easement might offer any advantages. Mr. Weathers noted that the NCWP has a 500 foot well head protection area surrounding the well on Lot #43. Mr. Pinkham asked if the CCC thought we should take steps to agree to accept the land. Mr. Weathers stated that he would like to abstain until he can review the property. Mr. Pinkham agreed to join him when he reviewed the property. No action will be taken until after the review.

Mr. Weathers reported that the owners of Lot #212 on Map 216 would like to give the land to the CCC. The property is located on Pequawket Drive adjacent to the pond. The land which is about one half acre is too wet to build on but it would offer a vegetative buffer between the pond and the road. **Mr. Briggs moved that the CCC recommend the Board of Selectmen accept the donation of Lot # 212 to the Town. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Lyman.** Mr. Weathers continued the discussion by saying that he needed more information before he could vote to accept the property. **Mr. Weathers moved that the**

motion be tabled until further information was available. The motion was seconded by Mr. Briggs and passed unanimously.

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Mr. Pinkham reported that he had received a letter from Cort Hansen of the Mount Washington Valley Ski Touring Association asking if they can have permission to use the Whitaker Woods property. **A motion was made by Mr. Adair that we agree to let the Mount Washington Valley Ski Touring Association use Whitaker Woods, seconded by Mr. Lucy and passed unanimously.**

Mr. Weathers reported that DES responded to Mr. Stephen Allan's request for a permit with a follow up letter stating that Mr. Allan needed to provide them with more information before granting a permit.

Mr. Pinkham reported Town Manager, Earl Sires has received a letter stating that the Department of Parks and Recreation Director, Sherry Colby and Kevin Nyhan from the DOT plan to visit the Schiavi property.

Mr. Pinkham has received a letter from Don Lyford of the DOT requesting the CCC to advise them what type of surface they would prefer for the floor of the underpass at Pudding Pond, either dirt or man-made. After a brief discussion the CCC decided that we should inquire what the DOT proposes to do for the drainage before making a decision.

Mr. Pinkham reported to the Commission that Mr. Don Johnson will be attending a seminar in Montana. He will be representing the state of NH in a discussion regarding town managed forests.

Mr. Pinkham also reported that the CCC has received a bill from Mr. Johnson for thirty-four (34) hours of consulting.

Mr. Weathers noted that there were no new applications. He reported that Scott Ford's application for two (2) culverts off Brownfield Road was approved.

At 7:45 PM Mr. Weathers moved to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Pinkham, the motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol T. Lyman
Acting Secretary