

**MINUTES OF MEETING  
CONWAY CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**May 14, 2008**

A meeting of the Conway Conservation Commission convened at 6:40 pm at the Whitaker Meeting House in North Conway, NH. Present were: Paul Pinkham (Chair), Rob Adair, Carol Lyman, Chuck Broomhall, C. David Weathers (Selectmen's Representative) and Alternates, Linda Kearney and Connie Briggs.

The Chair appointed Linda Kearney and Connie Briggs as full voting members for this meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Pinkham asked if there were any corrections or changes to the minutes of April 9, 2009. Mr. Adair noted on page one under the heading Forester's Report, second paragraph, third sentence – instead of Mr. Adair it should state "...Mr. Johnson suggested burning the brush." Mr. Adair next noted that on page four under the heading Trail Signs the sentence should read as follows: Those in Whitaker Woods have been partially installed. It is hoped the rest of the installation will take place over the summer. **Rob Adair moved, seconded by Carol Lyman, to approve the minutes of April 9, 2008 as amended. The motion carried unanimously.**

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

REPORTS

a. Don Johnson - Mr. Johnson was not present to provide a report. Mr. Pinkham reported that Don Johnson had said he would pursue work at Whitaker Woods and report on same when finished. Rob Adair advised that logs are cut and stacked beside the trail.

b. Jeff Lougee – Mr. Pinkham distributed report from Mr. Lougee of the Nature Conservancy and reviewed same. (See attached). Mr. Weathers questioned if this was going to be it for the year and Mr. Pinkham responded in the affirmative. Mr. Weathers questioned if the \$1100 bill was firm and Mr. Pinkham responded in the affirmative. Mr. Pinkham next questioned if there were any objections to this from the Commission. There were no objections raised.

c. Treasurer's Report – Carol Lyman provided a Treasurer's Report. Mr. Pinkham reviewed the report with the Commission. (See attached). There was a brief discussion regarding Hubbard Davis funds. Mr. Weathers questioned if

these funds can only be spent on that land. Mr. Pinkham advised that this has been discussed previously and that this is not the case and they can be spent elsewhere. **David Weathers moved, seconded by Linda Kearney, to accept the Treasurers report as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.**

d. Selectmen's Report – Mr. Weathers advised that he had no Selectmen's report.

e. Member Roundtable – Mr. Pinkham reported the White Mountain Milers requested permission for use of Whitaker Woods again this summer for a weekly event. Mr. Pinkham read aloud a letter received via e-mail from the White Mountain Milers to the Commission. (Copy attached). **Connie Briggs moved, seconded by Linda Kearney, to accept the proposal for use of Whitaker Woods by the White Mountain Milers. The motion carried unanimously.**

### OTHER BUSINESS

a. Appointments – Mr. Pinkham advised there is one vacancy for a full time member of the Conservation Commission. Mr. Pinkham next advised one letter of interest was received for the Conservation Commission. Mr. Pinkham read aloud the letter received from Mr. Sclafani for the Board.

Dan Lucy arrived at the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

There was next discussion among the commission members regarding whether either alternate, Connie Briggs or Linda Kearney, would like to become a full member. Ms. Kearny and Mr. Briggs as well as the rest of the Commission were agreeable to Mr. Briggs becoming the full time member and Ms. Kearney remaining as an alternate. Mr. Weathers clarified that this would have to be brought before the Board of Selectmen for formal appointments. Mr. Pinkham next questioned if the other Board members present would like to be reappointed as well. Carol Lyman, Rob Adair and Chuck Broomhall all advised they would like to be reappointed and there were no objections to same.

Mr. Pinkham stated a memo should be sent to the Board of Selectmen recommending the reappointment of Carol Lyman, Rob Adair and Chuck Broomhall for three year terms and, also, requesting the appointment of Connie Briggs as a full member for a three year term.

b. Election of Officers - **David Weathers moved, seconded by Linda Kearney, to retain officers in current position. The motion carried unanimously.**

c. Acquisition Criteria/USVLT relationship – Mr. Pinkham advised that the USVLT has provide some small but important revisions to the MOU with the Town and Mr. Sires will need to review same.

d. Whitaker Trail Plan/work progress – Mr. Pinkham advised that Don Johnson did do tree cutting and has stacked the logs.

e. Whitaker Management Plan ('08) – There was no discussion on this agenda item.

f. Trail Signs – Mr. Pinkham questioned if there are other locations appropriate for trail signs that the Commission felt needs to be addressed. Mr. Pinkham stated the only place he can think of is the Walkers Pond area. There were no further suggestions made by the Commission for trail signs. Mr. Pinkham requested that members to please take a look out in the Walkers Pond area and see if we need any trails marked, etc.

Mr. Pinkham next questioned if anyone has been to Shedd Woods to see the status of the trees that have been planted. Mr. Adair stated that the trees near the clearing have been overgrown with raspberry bushes. Mr. Adair further stated that he is going to ask some mountain bikers from the New England Mountain Biking Association (NEMBA) to help clean up this area.

Mr. Pinkham next commented on a *New York Times* story featuring NEMBA and all of their good work. Mr. Pinkham stated that he has a copy of this story available for anyone who is interested.

Ms. Kearney questioned if there has been any discussion about where we would put a kiosk or something with trail maps in Whitaker Woods. Ms. Kearney stated there was discussion of other kiosk locations previously. Mr. Pinkham stated there is money available in the account for this purpose and we could post something such as a “you are here” sign. It was suggested that there could be laminated maps placed at different locations. It was also noted that maps are available on the town’s webpage. Mr. Pinkham further advised that there is talk of remapping when Don Johnson is done. Mr. Pinkham asked for volunteers to talk to the ski people regarding the kiosks, etc. There was no volunteer for this task and no further discussion.

g. Whitaker Video – There was no discussion on this agenda item.

h. Wetland Applications – Mr. Weathers discussed Dredge and Fill applications and advised the state isn’t doing anything with this anymore and we probably won’t be seeing any more of these in the future.

i. Rules & Regulations – Ms. Kearney stated that previously the Commission was given a list of members with phone numbers and e-mails. Ms. Kearney stated the list is now outdated and requested an update. Mr. Pinkham advised that members could request same by contacting Jean Simon at the Conway Town Office. Mr. Pinkham next distributed a sheet and asked that

members provide their updated information so that same could be submitted to Town Hall.

Mr. Adair stated that on Sunday work will be done on the Red Tail Trail by Mount Cranmore; however, one section at the top is getting rutted out and he would like to bring in a small machine to fix and reroute this. Mr. Adair requested permission to perform this work. **Connie Briggs moved, seconded by Mr. Broomhall, to permit Mr. Adair to perform this work. The motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Adair next stated that someone had done some chipping in Whitaker Woods and questioned if anyone knew who may have done this. Mr. Broomhall suggested that it may have been Cort who had done this in the fall. Mr. Adair stated the chips were good as it helped to blend in some roots, etc. Mr. Pinkham stated as a word of advice that if anyone is doing work like this to please advise the Commission. Mr. Broomhall stated that he thinks it was also Nat Lucy and that he did contact the Commission.

Ms. Lyman questioned if the Abenaki land is part of Hubbard Davis. Mr. Pinkham replied in the negative. Ms. Lyman questioned if it may be a fire hazard. Mr. Pinkham advised that Mr. Obamsawin visited last year and expressed interest in maintaining the site and that was the last we heard. The gift shop has been emptied and inventoried. Mr. Pinkham went on to state there are fire concerns with the building; however this is still Abenaki property. Mr. Weathers advised that he would go up and look at this site with Paul Pinkham.

#### NEXT MEETING

It was agreed the next meeting would be held June 11, 2008.

Mr. Weathers questioned if there will be a meeting every month during the summer. Mr. Broomhall stated he could not make a July meeting. There was brief discussion. The Commission members agreed to not have a meeting in July unless pressing business necessitates a meeting.

#### ADJOURN

At 7:30 pm, Mr. Weathers moved, seconded by Ms. Kearney, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen J. Hallowell  
Acting Recording Secretary