

**MINUTES OF MEETING
CONWAY CONSERVATION COMMISSION
August 11, 2010**

A meeting of the Conway Conservation Commission convened at 6:30 p.m. at the Whitaker Homesite in North Conway, NH. Present were: Paul Pinkham, David Weathers, Rob Adair, Carol Lyman, Linda Kearney, and Alternate, Conrad Briggs. Also present was Forester, Don Johnson. The Chair appointed Mr. Briggs a full voting member.

1. Approval of Minutes: 6/9/10 – Motion by Ms. Lyman, second by Mr. Adair, to approve the Minutes of the June 9th meeting as written. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

2. Public Comment: None.

3. Reports:

a. Don Johnson – Mr. Johnson reported the tree removal at the Abenaki Site is completed. There was a meeting with the Condominium Association President and all went smoothly. Some concern was expressed regarding how well the blue tarps will stand up to protect the Abenaki building, and it was noted that the town will make more permanent repairs (with approval of National Historic Register). Also the Town may place a graphic display at the Abenaki Site detailing its history.

It was noted that a large log has been placed across the Hubbard-Davis entrance to keep people from driving into the site.

Mr. Johnson reported there has been no softwood release because of fungus hitting the trees. It was noted also there has been no white pine release because of fungus; however, he expects the trees will recover. He stated he would like to reopen the landing on Hurricane Mt. Rd.

Whitaker Trail Work – Mr. Johnson has not been able to get the work done on Whitaker Trail; however, he expects to accomplish this in the fall. Mr. Adair will provide a list of priority work.

Member Roundtable – Mr. Adair stated there is stabilization taking place on Vista, Perimeter, S-Turn and others.

Mr. Adair requested that some hay or other material be placed over the rocks on the Wellinghurst Trail as the rocks are being kicked-up by the groomers. How the rocks got there is unknown. They may have to be removed before the ski season.

4. Other Business:

a. USVLT Proposal – USVLT has submitted a bill for the \$10,000 for the land study and it is expected a check will be sent to them soon.

b. Land Use Study – Information has been received from Cranmore on the 52 acre USVLT easement. This is to offset the land they will be impacting for the expansion of the tubing park. This must be recorded before the State will allow work to go forward.

c. Land Use Study – Ms. Lyman will check with the Town Office regarding the Land Use Study.

d. Whitaker Trail Plan/5k progress – There was nothing to report on the 5K Loop.

e. Trail Signs/Information Boards – Contact will be made with Mr. Lees to check on the status of the information boards.

f. Wetlands Applications – It was reported that the State has granted a permit to install logs and root wads on the banking off Justamere Road. Note was made that no equipment can go into the water and Mr. Weathers (as well as other members) cannot foresee how this work can be accomplished.

g. Rules & Regulations Posting – It was agreed there should be recognition of the trail work done at Walker Pond by the Pine Tree School students; however, the work must be checked out prior to formal recognition by the Board of Selectmen.

5. Next Meeting – September 8, 2010.

6. Adjourn: Motion was made by Mr. Adair, seconded by Mr. Weathers and carried, that the meeting be adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Pinkham/Linda Kearney
Acting Recording Secretaries