

**MINUTES OF MEETING  
CONWAY CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
September 11, 2013**

The September meeting of the Conway Conservation Commission convened at 6:30 p.m. at the Whitaker Homesite in North Conway, NH. Members present were: Larry Huemmler; Linda Kearney, Karla Allen, Dan Lucy and Alternate, Matthew Coughlan (which was appointed as a voting member).

1. **Approval of Minutes 06/12/13:** Motion was made by Ms. Kearney, seconded by Mr. Coughlan, that the Minutes of the June 12th meeting be accepted as written. Motion unanimously carried.

2. **Public Comment:** None.

3. **Reports:**

**Wink Lees:** Mr. Lees stated every year the Town signs a memorandum of understanding for doing trail work, maintain kiosks and printing maps. Mr. Lees stated that he is bringing it to the Town a bit late this year; however, he would like the blessing of the CCC so it could be signed by Earl Sires, Town Manager, and the Nature Conservancy. Mr. Lees stated there are no changes in the wording and it is for \$2,000 to the Nature Conservancy. Mr. Lees stated that it goes toward maintaining trails on town and TNC land.

Mr. Lees stated that they will be doing work on kiosks this fall to upgrade them at Pudding Pond and Black Cap. Mr. Lees stated that they have had a student conservation crew working on the trails. **Ms. Kearney made a motion, seconded by Mr. Coughlin, to accept the memorandum of understanding. Motion unanimously carried.**

Ms. Kearney asked if they redid the maps. Mr. Lees stated that they have gone back to the old maps. Mr. Lees stated he will show a mockup of the new panels for the kiosks to the CCC before they are made up to make sure the Board is okay with them.

**Don Johnson – FLI:** Mr. Johnson stated that they finished the release work in Whitaker Woods on the eastern edge of the Vista Trail and then started working to the north of the Schush trail and then worked their way south eastward from there all the way past the height of land on vista trail. Mr. Johnson stated that they have done this three times and it does not make sense to do this again. Mr. Johnson stated that they covered 8+ acres and finished August 26. Mr. Johnson stated that the pine will now be able to take care of itself; it won't be pure pine, but that is ok as it shouldn't be.

Mr. Johnson stated that they are working on a Forest Management plan for the East Conway Common Lands and making sure they meet all the stewardship guidelines for the tree farm designation. Mr. Johnson stated there will need to be work on it right away. Mr. Johnson stated that he should have it done and ready to be presented at the next meeting.

#### 4. Other Business

**Review of notes of August 14<sup>th</sup> non-meeting:** The Board agreed that they were notes of a non-meeting and did not need to be approved.

#### **Whitaker Woods Events:**

**Friends of Conway Rec – 5K run (October 19<sup>th</sup> @ 9am):** Ms. Allen made a motion, seconded by Mr. Coughlin, to approve the 5K run for Friends of Conway Rec. Motion unanimously carried.

#### **Letters of Support:**

**USVLT – Lucy Properties:** Ms. Kearney made a motion, seconded by Ms. Allen, to approve the letter of support for the Lucy FRPP Conservation Easement project. Motion unanimously carried.

**TNC – Marshall Redstone:** There was discussion regarding Fish and Game holding the easement. Ms. Allen stated that she would like to know more. Mr. Lucy stated that he would be interested to know if they have a plan in mind. Ms. Kearney made a motion, seconded by Mr. Huemmler, to approve the letter of support for the Nature Conservancy’s “Grow the Green Hill” project. Motion carried with Ms. Allen and Mr. Lucy abstaining from voting.

**NHDOT Mitigation Lands:** Mr. Huemmler read Rob Adair’s notes.

**Selectmen’s Report:** None

**Wetland Applications:** None

**Member Roundtable:** Ms. Kearney stated that she went to Walker’s Pond and the Railroad Bed Trails in Center Conway and will be putting together a report. Ms. Kearney stated that the Walker’s Pond trail needs some help as there were quite a bit of trees that are down and not really passable.

**Adjourn:** There being no further business; Motion was made by Ms. Kearney, seconded by Mr. Coughlin and carried, that the meeting be adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Holly L. Meserve, Acting Recording Secretary