

CONWAY CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
August 12, 2015

The July meeting of the Conway Conservation Commission convened at 6:30 P.M. at the Whitaker Home Site Meeting House in North Conway.

Present: Chairman Rob Adair, Vice Chairman Larry Huemmler, Dan Lucy, Karla Allen, Linda Kearney, Pat Ferland, Alternate; Carol Lyman, Treasurer; Selectmen Representative, Dave Weathers; Theresa Ann Gallagher, Recording Secretary

Absent: Matt Coughlin, Alternate;

1. **Approval of the Minutes 7/8/2015** Linda Kearney made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 8, 2015 CCC meeting; seconded by Larry Huemmler. Motion passed unanimously.
2. **No Public Comment.**
3. **Reports:**
 - a. **Conservation Land Visits:** Not done yet: Linda Kearny, Walkers Pond; Karla Allen, Pudding Pond; Larry Huemmler, East Conway Common Lands. Rob Adair reported that he walked Shedd Woods and it looked very good; it's in wonderful shape.
 - b. **Marshall Property – West Side Road:** Rob Adair reported that WM NEMBA attended the 15th Annual Trail Building Weekend which was advertised through Facebook, the Internet and E-mails. 32 people worked the trails on July 25th and the following Tuesday they did finishing work. The trail looks good.

Rob, Dan and Karla visited the site and met at the Whitaker House the week after the last meeting in July. They decided to get some professional input in formulating a Master Plan for the trails. They put up a request for proposals which Rob passed around. Three companies from Vermont responded:

- Sustainable Trailworks does fantastic work on trails, but doesn't offer a final design. They are booked through the Fall and cannot start until the Spring of next year. Their price is lower than the other two companies.
- Timber & Stone has some trail layouts in their plans.
- Sinuosity Flowing Trails is more expensive than the other two, and they focused on existing trails assessments and maintenance work. .

Discussion included some points of observations: Timber & Stone has detailed breakdown in their plans. Sinuosity is heavy on maintenance and work on existing trails. The funds for this will come out of the Land Acquisition account. The budget will still have \$3,000 for trail work. The Committee will put together a list of objectives and goals. Dave Weathers advised the Committee that if the hired company is going to prepare a plan, the Committee should have the authority to decide how it is going to be built and who is going to build it. The company will just prepare the design of where the trails should or should not go. Then the Committee will hire local companies to do the work. The major problem

is getting up the first hill. The Committee wants to have a plan in place this Fall, to present to the Town at the beginning of next year, showing it is a work in progress and will start in the Spring. **Linda Kearney made a motion to contact Timber and Stone to say that the Conway Conservation Committee will work with them and give them the guidelines to develop the plan, and they can wait until the Committee confirms for a more accurate product; seconded by Karla Allen. No further discussion. Passed unanimously.**

- c. **Selectmen's Report:** Dave Weathers reported that there is a rumor going around Town, having more to do with floodplain control, that the State is going to put a shim coat on East Conway Road where they left off by Tibbett's Farm and go all the way to the Main State Line. That is not going to happen because the Town doesn't have the funds. Paul DegliAngeli went before the Board of Selectmen to ask for money from the Capital Reserve Fund to pave from the new bridge replaced on River Road to Sherman's intersection. The justification is for winter maintenance for the plows, due to the frost heaves that can cause a lot of damage. The price they received for the job is the lowest received in 12 years. Gates will be put up where the roads flood so people cannot get around them.

Robert Durkee in Center Conway did get his permit, after submitting more information, for a stone patio, a walkway and to replace the existing septic system. It was approved by DES.

Joseph Powers on Brownfield Road received a permit for 2,759 square feet of wetland impact for a culvert and restoring wetland. Tax Map 282/1.

Rob Adair received a letter from the Mason Conservation Commission; they are opposing Northeast Energy putting a direct natural gas pipeline on environmental grounds across Southern New Hampshire, proposed by Kinder Morgan, a Tennessee gas pipeline. They wanted the Conway Conservation Commission's support by August 1st. The Commission needs to know more about it. Tabled for future discussion

- d. **Member Roundtable:** The new sign looks great. The sign by the Hussie field has excellent descriptions and references.

6. Next Meeting – September 9, 2015 @ 6:30 PM at the Whitaker Home Site Meeting House in North Conway

Adjourn: Linda Kearney made a motion to adjourn at 7:37 P.M. seconded by Karla Allen. Passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Theresa Ann Gallagher

Recording Secretary