

**CONWAY CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
November 9, 2016**

The November monthly meeting of the Conway Conservation Commission convened at 6:32 P.M. at the Whitaker Home Site Meeting House in North Conway.

Present: Chairman Rob Adair, Dan Lucy, Linda Kearney, Karla Allen, Nat Lucy, Alternate; Selectmen Representative Dave Weathers, Theresa Gallagher, Recording Secretary

Absent: Vice Chairman Larry Huemmler, Carol Lyman, Treasurer; Pat Ferland, Alternate

1. **Approval of the Minutes 9/14/2016:** Chairman Rob Adair asked for any discussion on the revised September minutes; Dave Weather made a correction - on the last page, the brush clearing is planned for “north of the old Elks Club” not Bowling Alley Hill vista. Linda Kearney made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 14, 2016 CCC meeting as amended; seconded by Dan Lucy. Rob Adair called for a vote to accept the minutes as amended. Motion passed (5-0-1). Karla Allen abstained, since she was not at the meeting.

Approval of the Minutes 10/12/2016: Chairman Rob Adair asked for a motion to approve the October 12, 2016 CCC meeting minutes; Dave Weather made a correction - on the first page, under B, the brush clearing is planned for “north of the old Elks Club” not Bowling Alley Hill vista. On page 2, under the Selectmen’s report, add “According to him” in the second paragraph, second line. Line 4, “10 inches high” should be “10 inches in diameter”. Line 6, “abutters within” should be “best management practices along”. Linda Kearney made a motion to accept the minutes of the October 12, 2016 meeting as amended; seconded by Dave Weathers. Rob Adair called for a vote to accept the minutes as amended. Motion passed (5-0-1). Karla Allen abstained, since she was not at the meeting.

2. Public Comment: None.
3. Reports and Other Business:

No report from Forester Don Johnson.

Proposed Land Donation – The Board of Selectmen are asking the Conway Conservation Committee to write a memo to state their position on accepting a great piece of property in Center Conway as a donation to the Town of Conway. The donation of the land is offered in lieu of paying off back taxes owed. The owner has property on both the north and south side of the brook. The parcel being offered to the Town ties in well with another parcel of Township property, and there is a trail that goes through it. Discussion continued on whether or not a Boundary Line Adjustment would have to be done. The brook would be used as the southern boundary and the Town would take over the northern part of the parcel. The only down side to this offer is that the Town would lose tax income. However there is a 127 Acre Tax Law in place, so there will have to be a subdivision. **Chairman Rob Adair asked the Committee for a motion in favor of having the Board of Selectmen negotiate with the owner regarding the property being offered to the Town. Linda Kearney made a motion in favor of having the**

Board of Selectmen negotiate with the owner regarding the property being offered to the Town; seconded by Karla Allen. Rob Adair called for a vote to accept the motion. (5-0-1) Dave Weathers abstained.

Trail Committee Reports:

Whitaker Woods – Nat Lucy has been doing a tremendous amount of work in Whitaker Woods, resulting in great improvements to the powerline trail on the Kearsarge Road side. Nat looked over the location at Swenson’s Folly where some trees are down. He was concerned about people complaining. The trail has been there a long time. The Committee does not encourage anyone to go on the trail to clear the trees. Swenson’s Folly has a steep pitch, and the Committee suggests not doing anything on the trail. The only problem that could arise is hikers creating a new trail if they see the trees are down and they start to go around them. Rob Adair suggested keeping watch on the trail. Nat Lucy brought up another possible problem on the lower Wellinghurst Trail, which is a relatively newer trail. There is a mountain bike trail that goes across it and it is starting to erode the berm of the ski trail. He suggests putting a big rock there, because if it erodes enough, the bench will be lost. Rob said he will add it to the Project List.

Marshall Conservation Area – Rob Adair tried to groom the ski trails last year but there wasn’t much snow. He asked for the Committees’ approval to groom the tracks again. It was suggested to put a sign on a gate stating “no motorized vehicles allowed” and place it where Lucille’s Trail meets Red Trail, and also above the landing where the trails connect to the snowmobile corridor. The reason Rob does the grooming is to improve the skiing and snow shoeing trail. No one had any objections.

4. Selectmen’s Report: Dave Weathers had no report.
5. Round Table Discussion: None.

Next Meeting – The next meeting will be December 14, 2016 at 6:30 at the Whitaker Home Site Meeting House in North Conway.

Adjourn: Linda Kearney made a motion to adjourn at 7:05 P.M.; seconded by Dave Weathers. Passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Theresa Ann Gallagher

Recording Secretary