

# CONWAY CONSERVATION COMMISSION

**WEDNESDAY, June 12, 2019 6:30 P.M. WHITAKER HOME  
SITE MEETING HOUSE**

## Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Peter Minnich, Larry Huemmler, Pat Ferland, Linda Kearney, Rob Adair, Dan Lucy, David Weathers, Nat Lucy

Guests: Mike LeBlanc

Call meeting to Order, Declare a Quorum

Meeting was called to order at 6:29 by Chair Rob Adair

### 1. Approval of Minutes – May 8, 2019

Selectmen Representative David Weathers made the following amendments:

Last paragraph on first page should read as:

*Rob spoke about notification impending comment on Avesta Housing accommodation.*

*Selectman David Weather said that units cannot support installing without a new waterline.*

*David was informed that they wanted to do this for voting.*

Page 2, second paragraph

*Mitigation might be required, but Conway Conservation Commission does not have authority to grant this.*

Page 2, third paragraph

*David said that according to the plan they are not planning on doing any mitigation.*

*Strike like through 1988.*

Selectmen Representative David Weathers motioned to approve; Linda Kearney seconded Motion passed unanimously (8-0)

### 2. Public Comment

### 3. Reports & Other Business:

- a. Forest Land Improvement – Don Johnson  
not in attendance

b. NEMBA – Cranmore Connector trail

Mike Leblanc – Proposing a parallel ridge to avoid collision between hikers and bikers. There is concern regarding Cranmore running lifts and bikers going down this trail. This has increased since Cranmore has more trails on their property. Rob is in favor of parallel trails to have bikers and hikers separate.

Mike reported that Ben Wilcox has been working with NEMBA to support the need since this has been seen as a safety issue.

Signage will show direction on trail. This is to avoid collision.

Rob Adair provided map to Selectmen Representative David Weathers to show the distance of the trails - from the cell tower to the red tail. This is on Cranmore and town land.

Mike asked for approval to move forward with a parallel trail.

Pat Ferland made a motion to support the trail, Linda Kearney seconded the motion. Motion passed (7-0). Nat Lucy abstained.

NEMBA will be responsible for building this trail. Pete Minnich would like to make sure NEMBA maintains this trail.

c. Grumman grant submittal complete – submitted in time by Chair Rob Adair

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Steve Andrews from North Country Angler, is concerned about a directional sign in regard to canoe/kayak/tubing traffic, which was randomly installed by someone (unknown) on the Saco River. Steve provided photo of sign and reported on location.

There is concern for when the river is high, which will result in the sign getting washed out and become litter in the river.

Steve was informed that the Conway Conservation Commission does not have jurisdiction in the river. This is property owners who have jurisdiction.

David Weathers suggested Steve check with NH Fish and game.

d. Bear Smart information

Rob was contacted for a Bear Smart presentation.

The Conway Conservation Committee agreed that there is no need for presentation at this point.

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Woof in the Woods, formerly known as Bark in the Park, is scheduled for Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup>. The Conway Area Humane Society is requesting to hold this event in Whitaker Woods.

Larry Huemmler motioned to approve of this event, Linda Kearney seconded. All in favor. Motion passed (8-0).

e. Selectmen's Report – David Weathers

David Weathers reported on discussion with REI and the procedure that needs to take place for them to run outdoor programs on town property.

Rob informed the Commission about meeting with Town Manager Tom Homes and REI. They discussed options about year round programs. It was suggested by Tom that they make a presentation to the Board of Selectmen and create a contract.

Rob reported that REI would like to present to the Board of Selectmen in two weeks for consideration.

The Board of Selectmen will have final say on Town land, and will include recommendation from Conway Conservation Commission.

Nat Lucy will Chair the committee between CCC and the Board of Selectman to support the decision regarding REI and the use of conservation land.

f. Member Roundtable

Dog signs: everyone that responded recommended option 3.

Rob passed this along to Tom Holmes.

**Treasurers report from Linda Kearney**

Conservation Land current use: \$139k plus odds and ends

Hubbard Davis: under \$15k to take care of this property

Conservation Land in addition to current use: \$116k and change

Conservation pdip: under \$21k

Conway Conservation Commission is in good financial shape.

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Peter inquired about property that abuts Marshall property.

Rob Adair called Julie Hussey and left message but has not heard back.

Marshall Conservation Area – After making signs for the Marshall Conservation Area, Rob found that

someone else made some of the same signs and installed them. This gentlemen is happy to make more signs if necessary.

4. Next Meeting – August 14, 2019

5. Meeting adjourned at 7:21PM

**If unable to attend, please contact Rob  
Adair 496-5853 or Jackie White at 447-  
3811, Ext. 223**