

## Conway Conservation Commission

### **WEDNESDAY, October 14th, 2020 6:30P.M. GoToMeeting**

Present: Chair Rob Adair, Vice Chair Nat Lucy, Treasurer Linda Kearney, Peter Minnich, Dan Lucy, David Weathers, Sarah Frechette, Abby King (USVLT), Tim Nolan (FLI)

Absent: Larry Huemmler

The meeting was called to order by Chair Rob Adair at 6:33pm.

#### **1. Approval of Minutes**

Minutes for the **September 9th** commission meeting were approved unanimously after minor corrections to typos.

Peter Minnich motioned to accept the minutes. Linda Kearney seconded.

Motion passed, with Nat Lucy abstaining.

#### **2. Public Comment**

No public comment was given.

#### **3. Reports and Other Business**

##### **The Whitaker Woods Stick Structures**

The commission briefly discussed an update on the stick structures built in Whitaker Woods. While John Fuller school staff removed the structures they had built, one unrelated structure remained. It is set to be removed.

##### **USVLT - Pine Hill Community Forest Expansion**

Abby King from Upper Saco Valley Land Trust (USVLT) approached the commission with a request for a \$30,000 investment into an acquisition of 134 acres of land off of Rt. 16, near the Mineral Springs assisted living facility. This investment would show public support to LCHIP, which would encourage them to support funding the acquisition of the land. The acquisition of the land would expand the Pine Hill Community Forest project. After a brief discussion as to the extents of the expansion, and the account that the funds would come to, Nat Lucy motioned to fulfill the request in full, with Dan Lucy seconding. The motion passed unanimously, with David Weathers abstaining.

##### **The Budget**

Next came the budget discussion. Overall, the commission is in good shape financially. After a brief discussion about the possibility of selective cutting to aid

it, the budget was accepted. The motion was made by Linda Kearney, with David Weathers seconding. The motion was passed unanimously, with the commission requesting \$17500.

### **White Mountain Bike Coalition**

The White Mountain Bike Coalition would like to put up kiosks in the Marshall Conservation Area, Pudding Pond, and the connection between the Black Cap trail and the Cranmore Connector trail. There was moderate concern about constructing an additional kiosk in Pudding Pond, as one is already present, so the motion was put forward to approve the kiosks in the Marshall Conservation Area and the Black Cap-Cranmore Connector, but to review the existing Pudding Pond kiosk. The motion was put forward by Linda Kearney, with David Weathers seconding. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Hubbard-David Abenaki Lands Followup**

It was brought to the commission's attention that someone had moved logs onto the trail to the Abenaki lands. The buildings on site also need to be secured. The commission resolved to assess the needs and come back with recommendations, with Nat, Sarah, and Rob volunteering.

### **Selectmen's Report: David Weathers**

David Weathers gave the commission an update on some of the goings-on at the edges of the Marshall Conservation Area. He told the commission that he had discussions with the northern property abutter about the trajectory of bullets, and that no further encounters with trail-goers had taken place.

### **Member Roundtable**

During the member roundtable, Tim Nolan updated the commission on the log landing on Hurricane Mt. Road. After a reminder about the upcoming NHACC meeting, a motion to close was put forward by Linda Kearney at 7:50pm. The motion passed unanimously.