

Conway Conservation Commission

WEDNESDAY, September 8th, 2021 6:30P.M. GoToMeeting

Present: Chair Rob Adair, Treasurer Linda Kearney, Selectmen's Representative David Weathers, Peter Minnich, Larry Huemmler

Absent: Vice Chair Nat Lucy

The meeting was called to order by Chair Rob Adair at 6:30pm.

1. Approval of Minutes

Minutes for the **August 8th** commission meeting were approved unanimously with a no edits.

David Weathers motioned to accept the minutes, with Peter Minnich seconding. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Public Comment

No public comment was given.

3. Reports and Other Business

Pequawket Pond Peninsula

Recently, a peninsula near Pequawket Pond that was previously used by NHDOT for wetlands mitigation was offered to the town. As NHDOT had been planning to use it to mitigate the impact of the bypass which was never constructed, it can now be used to mitigate the impact of the rec path. However, the town felt that USVLT would be a better title holder.

Chair Rob Adair motioned that the commission write a letter in full support of USVLT ownership. Larry Huemmler seconded, and the motion passed unanimously (5-0).

Mineral Collection Policy

Next came the mineral collection policy question, which had been brought to the attention of the commission by a concerned collector a few months back. The main concern of the policy was the use of explosives. If problems arise in the future, the policy would be updated. In addition, it was decided that some signage at the site would be needed. Peter Minnich motioned to put the policy into effect, as well as to put some signage up. David Weathers seconded, and the motion passed unanimously (5-0).

Goals and Objectives for the Marshall Conservation Area Forest Management Plan

While discussion on this topic was needed, the commission was unsure where to start with it, and so tabled it until the next meeting.

E-Bikes

Peter Minnich then updated the commission on what he had learned about E-Bikes from an online webinar he attended, and after a brief discussion about the different classes of E-Bikes and their impact on trails, recommended that E-Bikes be allowed on trails, as they provide better accessibility.

Selectmen's Report: David Weathers

Selectmen's Representative David Weathers then updated the commission on a concerning issue: a recent medical situation at the Marshall Conservation Area. A biker had been severely injured, and the fire department was unable to get a litter in to recover them. Though the injured party was eventually extracted and got to the hospital safely, the issue was certainly cause for alarm. In addition, the EMTs were unable to get the passcode for the gate at the front. Chair Rob Adair recapped how he had previously sent an extraction plan to the fire department digitally, and then physically when the fire department informed him that the digital document was too small to read, but hadn't heard back.

USVLT Moose Plate

The USVLT requested a letter of support from the commission as they are requesting Moose Plate funding for updating their 10-year plan. The commission approved.

Redstone Quarry Project

The commission was updated that the Redstone quarry interpretive sign project is progressing, and that a 15,000\$ grant for the funding for the signs had been requested.

Member Roundtable

The commission then entered a very brief roundtable, primarily concerned with a question as to who had put porter potties on Meeting House Rd., and whether or not the next month's meeting would be done digitally or in person. After this, Treasurer Linda Kearney moved to adjourn at 7:30, with Peter Minnich seconding. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).