

**CONWAY CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
December 13, 2023**

The December monthly meeting of the Conway Conservation Commission convened at **6:30 PM** at the Whitaker Meeting House in North Conway, NH.

Present: Chairman, Nat Lucy; Vice Chairman, Dan Lucy; Selectmen's Representative, David Weathers; Rob Adair; Peter Minnich; Corbett Tulip; and Paul Getchell.

Absent: Treasurer, Linda Kearney; Larry Huemmler; and Recording Secretary, Jacqueline White.

Also Attending: Paul DegliAngeli, Town of Conway; Chris Meier and Larry Garland, MWVTA; and Tim Nolin, Forest Land Improvements.

1. Approval of the Minutes for November 8, 2023:

Mr. Nat Lucy made a motion to accept the November 8, 2023 minutes as written; seconded by Mr. Peter Minnich. Motion passed unanimously (5-0).

2. Public Comment: None.

3. Reports & Other Business:

- A. Rec Path Phase II Update: Paul DegliAngeli, Town of Conway; Chris Meier and Larry Garland, MWVTA

Mr. Paul DegliAngeli with the Town of Conway and Mt. Washington Valley Trails Association (MWVTA), along with Mr. Chris Meier and Mr. Larry Garland with the MWVTA explained the current status of the Rec Path Phase 2 as it passes through Whitaker Woods. Mr. DegliAngeli stated HEB Engineers has been hired to engineer the proposed corridor and soil test borings have been recently completed. Mr. Nat Lucy expressed concern with the size of the path created to get the boring machine into Whitaker Woods, where several small trees were uprooted during the rough in and the rough path occasionally crosses private land. The question was asked if permission was granted from the private landowner. Mr. Meier stated they are seeking a possible easement from said private land owner for the Rec Path Phase 2. It appears the private land owner has not responded and the assumption is permission was not granted in advance of the rough in. It was noted the original path route seems to have been moved uphill slightly to avoid wetlands. Mr. Lucy reiterated the Commission's desire to minimize the path's impact on Whitaker Woods.

Mr. Rob Adair raised the concern of paving the new path. There was public pushback when the concept came up a couple years ago. A lengthy discussion ensued regarding whether the Commission was in favor of paving or not.

Mr. Rob Adair made a motion to support a paved rec path through Whitaker Woods; seconded by Mr. Nat Lucy. Motion passed unanimously (5-0).

Mr. DegliAngeli offered to host a public information session at Town Hall in February to show the public the Phase 2 plans.

Mr. Paul DegliAngeli discussed NHDOT By-Pass Mitigation Land in Redstone and along the Rec Path Phase 1. An effort is being made to make these lands affordable for the Town to buy. The immediate project is to get the Redstone Quarry on the National Historic Register. An “inventory” of the quarry needs to be performed in order to get this process started. VHB Engineers out of Bedford, NH has forwarded a proposed contract to do this work.

Mr. Nat Lucy made a motion for the Commission to approve \$13,685.00 out of the Land Acquisition Fund to be used towards paying VHB Engineers to inventory the Redstone Quarry; seconded by Mr. Dan Lucy. Motion passed unanimously (5-0).

Eventually, the Conservation will be asked to participate in the purchase of these 460 acres, all members were in support.

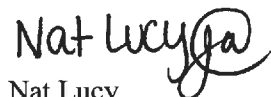
B. Member Roundtable:

Mr. Paul Getchell discussed the Walker Pond project and stated he is getting quotes for the signage. Mr. Getchell said he spoke with a private landowner regarding the trail being on his land, and the landowner is aware of the trail and has liability concerns. Mr. Rob Adair explained NH State Legislation that protects landowners that allow public use of their land. Mr. Adair said he will send Mr. Getchell a template MOU that he might get the landowner to sign. Mr. Tim Nolin reported that he walked the boundaries at Walker Pond and there might be some encroachments.

Next Meeting: The next CCC meeting will be on Wednesday, January 10, 2024 at 6:30 P.M. at the Whitaker Meeting House in North Conway, NH.

Adjourn: Mr. Nat Lucy made a motion to adjourn at 8:15 P.M.; seconded by Mr. Peter Minnich. Motion passed unanimously (5-0).

Respectfully Submitted,



Nat Lucy
Chairman/ Interim Recording Secretary