

**CONWAY CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
September 14, 2022**

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

Present: Chairman, Rob Adair; Vice Chairman, Nat Lucy; Selectmen's Representative, David Weathers; Peter Minnich; Dan Lucy; Larry Huemmler; and Recording Secretary, Jacqueline White.

Absent: Treasurer, Linda Kearney

Also Attending: Tim Nolin, Forest Land Improvement

**1. Approval of the Minutes for August 10, 2022:**

**David Weathers made a motion to accept the August 10, 2022 minutes as written; seconded by Nat Lucy. Motion passed. (5-0-1) with Peter Minnich abstaining from voting.**

**2. Public Comment: None.**

**3. Reports & Other Business:**

A. Forest Land Improvement - Tim Nolin

Mr. Tim Nolin with Forest Land Improvement updated the Commission on the project in Whitaker Woods. Mr. Nolin shared that the tree clearing had finished up this week and after all associated expenses the timber proceeds totaled \$9,165.36. Mr. Nolin said the next part of the project; excavation, has begun this week. He stated that the original budget for the year did not include the project of creating a walking trail, as it was decided on after the budget was created. Mr. Nolin stated that the original budget of \$6,000 will not be enough to finish this project. He shared that the two projects scheduled and budgeted for the Marshall Area; TSI (Timber Stand Improvement) and brush work, could be held off until next year. Mr. Nolin asked if the Commission could go before the Board of Selectmen and request for some of the timber revenue to be reallocated to the Whitaker Woods project.

Mr. Weathers stated since the Commission is looking at additional revenues and unknown expenses to finish the Whitaker Woods project he is unsure of how the Board would vote on that request. There was a short discussion on reallocating funds to the Whitaker Woods Project versus if the Commission could use some of the revenue from timber proceeds to finish the project. Mr. Weathers asked if the Whitaker Woods project could be completed to a certain point budget permitting this year and then finished next year. Mr. Tim Nolin explained that this project is getting the trail system ready for the winter season. Mr. Rob Adair requested to be on the next Board of Selectmen Agenda. Mr. Weathers answered the next meeting for the Board is on September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022 and he would have the Commission added to the Agenda.

Mr. Nolin asked if the Commission should vote on reallocating funds from the Marshall Area to the Whitaker Woods project and then in a few weeks ask the Selectmen for a portion of the timber proceeds back.

**Mr. Nat Lucy made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dan Lucy to shift the funds budgeted for the Marshall Area totaling \$4,150.00 to the Whitaker Woods Project.** Mr. Tim Nolin stated he would like to see a priority list for the work in Whitaker Woods. Mr. Nat Lucy stated he could make a list.  
**Motion passed unanimously (6-0).**

Mr. Rob Adair stated we now have \$10,500.00 to finish the project in Whitaker Woods. Mr. Nat Lucy stated he feels some of the money should be allocated towards trail signage. Mr. Adair asked if Mr. Lucy was available to attend the Board of Selectmen meeting on September 27, 2022. Mr. Lucy answered in the affirmative. Mr. Lucy shared that to make this project successful he feels a PR campaign would be helpful and suggests putting kiosks at the main entry points with maps and new trail signage throughout Whitaker Woods. This project has enhanced existing trails and created a walking trail to keep walkers off of the groomed trails for cross country skiers in the winter. Mr. Peter Minnich asked if there would be additional maps on the trails. Mr. Lucy answered that will depend on how much money is allocated towards signage and he is working on a proposed budget for the signage. Mr. Lucy also shared that there will be a fair amount of volunteer work and he is donating the materials to make the kiosks.

Mr. Rob Adair said he can be available to attend the Board of Selectmen meeting on September 27, 2022 with Mr. Nat Lucy.

Mr. Nat Lucy shared there has been some tree cutting going on by the Abenaki property and the cutting is very close to the property line. Mr. Lucy asked Mr. Tim Nolin if he could take a look at the property line. Mr. Nolin said he will go take a look.

Mr. Tim Nolin stated he will be dropping off a check tomorrow, Thursday, September 15, 2022 at Town Hall for the timber proceeds.

#### C. Selectmen's Report:

Mr. Weathers shared that one of the Selectmen was out last meeting and, on the mend, therefore the Board had to postpone the School Board vote to the next meeting.

#### D. Member Roundtable:

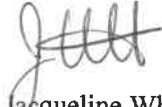
Mr. Peter Minnich shared a resident spoke to him about Shedd Woods and the erosion that is occurring. Mr. Rob Adair shared the NHDOT has a drainage easement and their drainage structure failed. The NHDOT is going to be working on it. Mr. Adair said Paul DegliAngeli, Town Engineer has discussed the erosion with NHDOT, but they are not sure when it will be fixed.

Mr. Rob Adair reported that dirt bikers going in through Hales Estate into Marshall Conservation Area were seen. A letter has been written to that property owner informing them dirt bikes are not allowed in the Marshall Conservation Area and if it continues enforcement will be taken.

Next Meeting: The next CCC meeting will be on Wednesday, October 12, 2022 at 6:30 P.M. at the Whitaker Meeting House in North Conway, NH.

**Adjourn: Mr. Nat Lucy made a motion to adjourn at 7:00 P.M.; seconded by Mr. David Weathers. Motion passed unanimously (6-0).**

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J White', written in a cursive style.

Jacqueline White  
Recording Secretary