

NASH STREAM FOREST
CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES, JUNE 5, 1997

Present: Advisory Committee - John Lane, Paul Doscher, Everett Frizzell, Mike Stevens, Dayton Goudie, Kevin Evans, Dave Publicover, Phil Stearns, Dave Tellman, Elizabeth McDonald, Jogn Kauffman & Mary Sloat. State Personnel - Phil Bryce, Tom Miner, Bob MacGregor, Dave Falkenham, Ross Caron & Bob Spoerl. Public - Andy Coppinger, Kim Nielson, Edith Tucker & Dale Dunham.

Meeting Started at 4:10

Introductions were made around the table.

State Forester Bryce spoke about his perceptions of committee function and his visions for the property.

COMMITTEE CHARTER AND MEMBER APPOINTMENTS

Miner handed out a draft charter (attached) and urged members to read and get comments back to him. Discussion ensued about member appointments. Doscher felt that Director should have ability to appoint new organization. Publicover suggested that 3 at-large members would be more appropriate. Sloat thought that new members might prove unwieldy. Kauffman thought the charter should state a maximum of three at-large members. Tellman suggested that charter should state which organizations would be represented and that a maximum of 3 at-large positions would exist. Spoerl asked if committee was organized under State Statute? Miner answered no. Tellman was appointed as chairman. Spoerl suggested chairmanship be limited to one year term. Miner stated he would change wording in Charter to represent concerns brought up.

CONTE GRANT

Doscher spoke about the project that the Society for Protection of New Hampshire Forests is performing using money through a Conte Wildlife Refuge Grant. They flew new aerial photography and have a graduate student from Yale doing an inventory and working on an Integrated Management Plan for the Societys Kauffman Forest and Nash Stream Forest. Field work should be done this summer.

COHOS TRAIL

Nielson presented plan for proposed hiking trail from Crawford Notch to the Canadian border which will travel the lenght of Nash Stream Forest. Preliminary trail route was shown on a map. Questions were brought up concerning possibilities of campsites, where they might be located, how primitive, who would do the maintenence. Access onto private lands at the north and south ends of Nash Stream were also discussed as well as the impact of the trail in areas over 2,700 feet

in elevation. Nielson asked about the use of the State owned cabin at Nash Bog and was told that use of this should be outlined in a comprehensive plan that he needs to give to Forests and Lands for their consideration before any trail construction or use begins. Nielson said he would give attention to concerns brought up and would walk route of proposed trail with Fish and Game Biologist before presenting proposal to Forests and Lands.

WORK PLAN

MacGregor discussed work plan for the upcoming year, it includes forest inventory in Compartment 22 near Nash Bog, reconstruction of a Right-of-Way into the timber sale in Compartment 6, marking and sale of a timber sale in Compartment 6 and maintenance of roads through brushing and culvert replacement.

STRATFORD SCHOOL

Coppinger talked about education grants received by Stratford School to use Nash Stream Forest as an outdoor classroom. They have already had some field trips to familiarize the students with the property and will be working with Forests and Lands on projects of mutual benefit to the students and the State. The concensus of the committee is that this is a good project.

PROPOSED TIMBER SALE

MacGregor went over the planned timber sale in Roberts Brook basin in the Southeast corner of Nash Stream. Access will be by Right-of-Way through abutter Denehy. Estimated volumes will be 3,000 cords and 300 MBF through a combination of single-tree and group selection. MacGregor set a date of June 12 to walk sale area with interested members of the committee.

OTHER ITEMS

Dunham stated that public should have input into decisions made about Nash Stream. Miner explained Management Plan process, Tellman said he as well as other members of the committee represented the public and would make sure decisions are made with full public input. Miner asked about frequency and time of meetings, committee agreed that quarterly or as necessary when issues came up and in the late afternoon would be good.

Meeting Adjourned 6:05