

Nash Stream Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting

September, 17, 2014 Lancaster, N.H. 6:03 – 7:20

Nash Stream Citizens Advisory Committee (NSFCC)

NSFCC members present:

Ted Burns, Dave Goulet, Tom Bushey, Wendell Lees, Mike Waddell, Steve Sabre, John Lanier, Albert Cloutier, Kevin Evans, Mike Lynch

NSFCC members not present:

Norman Cloutier, Rebecca Brown, Bill Noons

Staff members present:

Maggie Machinist, Todd Caron, Brad Simpkins, Ken Desmarais, Jeff Rose, Bill Carpenter, Clint Savage, John Accardi

Meeting Opening: John Lanier started the meeting by introducing Brad Simpkins who made a statement as well as Commissioner Jeff Rose

Agenda Items:

1. **Camp License Program Update** – Bill Carpenter explains camp licenses and fees prices depending on access to the camp, or whether it is on water or not. Presently there are 21 outstanding camp licenses. \$86,624 in total revenue from the licenses went into the forest management protection fund.
2. **Forest Management and Road Activities Update** – Maggie Machinist explained that there will be timber harvest activity in Nash Stream this coming winter. The snow machine trail will be re-routed because the road will be plowed for log trucks. A bridge over Nash Stream on the Columbia Brook Road was installed in early September. The main reason was for fish passage. It is also a snow machine bridge in the winter. Some ditching along the main Nash Stream Road has been completed as well as mowing along the edges of the majority of the roads in the forest. Road grading will also be completed

this fall. Brushing back the sides of the main road is also planned as some trees and branches are closing in the road.

- 3. Trails Update** – Clint Savage explained that the Bordeaux Trail was crowned and ditched in spots that needed fixing. The West Side Trail will be graded and rock raked as well. An ATV counter has been in use this summer on the West Side Trail to keep track of the ATV activity in Nash Stream. Bill Carpenter asked about the Kelsey Notch Trail and if it is now open. Clint said it is open and work is being done now for the next 3 or 4 weeks. Maggie explained how the hiking trails are being used regularly. We reviewed new sections of the COHOS Trail this summer. One is a re-route around a beaver pond and one is a new proposed route to get the trail off the road. Two members of the COHOS Trail were at the meeting.

Brad Simpkins talked about forest health issues in Nash Stream and the work being done. Presently there are spruce budworm traps that were placed by forest health. NSFCC member Wendell Lees asked what can be done about the spruce budworm. Brad explained there is a pheromone flake that can be dropped aerially to attract male budworm. On a side note, John Lanier wanted to know about the emerald ash borer. Brad told him that it was recently found in Salem and wasps have been released in certain areas to try and combat the borer. Steve Sabre was curious as to whether biological control was going to work or not. Brad said it was still too early to tell. He also explained that by the time ash trees show evidence that they are infested with the borer it has already been affected approximately 4 years.

- 4. Management Plan Update** - Ken Desmarais talked about the management plan and how difficult it is to find information in the old plan. He explained how the Technical Team was trying to make it easier to read by arranging the table of contents in a new order. A draft of the proposed new table of contents was e-mailed to the NSFCC prior to the meeting for review. Maggie explained that much will remain the same; it will just make it easier to follow. NSFCC member Tom Bushey expressed interest in being able to see the new changes highlighted somehow. Maggie explained that we are already doing it that way as best as we can. NSFCC member Dave Goulet wants a draft of the plan well before the next meeting so the NSFCC will have ample time to review it. Ken hopes to get it to them 2 or 3 weeks prior to the next meeting. He also explained how we have hired a facilitator to help us work on the plan to wordsmith and edit for us. Brad wanted to know when the first two chapters will be ready for review. The NSFCC wants to meet in the first week of November, but the Technical Team won't meet until mid-October. Steve Sabre wanted to know if comments should be e-mailed before the next meeting so the Technical Team would have time to review what the NSFCC wants. Ken says chapters will be sent out by October 15th for review. The president of New Hampshire OHRV Association Harry Brown wanted a timeline to be set. He explained that originally it was supposed to be done by the first of the year. He said he wanted it to be done by spring of this year. Wendell Lees said the timeline that Ken stated is not realistic and we should have a new timeline. Ken said 4 chapters will be done by the end of the year. Fisheries, Forest Management, Forest Protection, and Wildlife will be the following 4 chapters and will be completed by the end of February. Memorial Day is

the new goal for completion of the management plan. NSFCC member Dave Goulet asked if the changes will be included and then have public input. Brad says there will be a public input timeframe. John Lanier said once public comment is over someone needs to go through the comments. He said Memorial Day is too ambitious. There is no sense in hurrying the plan along. Take the extra time to make a good plan.

- 5. Other Business** - Brad questioned the committee about the timeframe of scheduling the next meeting. John Lanier said he needs at least 4 weeks of notice. Harry Brown is confused about when the next meeting is going to be. November 18th will be the next meeting in Lancaster from 6:00 – 8:00.

A motion to adjourn the meeting came from Tom Bushey and was seconded by Dave Goulet at 7:20.

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