

## **Nash Stream Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting**

November, 18, 2014 Lancaster, N.H. 6:10 P.M. – 7:28 P.M.

Nash Stream Citizens Advisory Committee (**NSFCC**)

### **NSFCC members present:**

Dave Goulet, Tom Bushey, Wendell Lees, Steve Sabre, John Lanier, Albert Cloutier, Mike Lynch, Rebecca Brown, John Lanier

### **NSFCC members not present:**

Norman Cloutier, Bill Noons, Mike Waddell, Ted Burns, Kevin Evans

### **Staff members present:**

Maggie Machinist, Todd Caron, Brad Simpkins, Bill Carpenter, John Accardi

### **Agenda Items:**

- 1. Camp License Program Update** – Bill Carpenter explains camp licenses. There are 8 lease rents left to be paid this year.
- 2. Forest Management and Road Activities Update** – Maggie Machinist explained that there are trees painted along the sides of the Nash Stream Road that will be cut this winter after the road has been closed. The logging contractor that will be cutting the timber sale in Nash Stream this winter will also be responsible for cutting these painted trees. Bill asked if any of the marked trees will be available to the camp owners for firewood. Maggie said that these trees will not, but when we clear the road near the camps some may be able to be left for the camp owners for firewood. John Accardi mentioned that a chainsaw class had cut trees near the East Branch Road that could be picked up by the camp owners. The main Nash Stream Road will be closed on December 8<sup>th</sup>.
- 3. Trails Update** – Maggie explained that the Bordeaux ATV Trail was crowned and ditched in spots that needed fixing. The West Side ATV Trail was graded as well. This winter a

portion of the snowmobile trail will be re-routed parallel to Nash Stream Rd. up to the West Side Rd to accommodate logging.

4. **Management Plan Update Chapters 1-3-** Maggie explained how very few advisory committee members had sent in comments about the first three chapters. Rebecca Brown had a question about the ATV pilot program. Maggie explained how it would be referenced in greater detail later in the recreation section. Dave Goulet said that the ATV pilot program is its own document in itself. Rebecca Brown thought it should be explained in more detail how the pilot program actually created the start the ATV trail. The **Management Vision** chapter was moved from the back of the old plan to more towards the front of the draft. Rebecca Brown is concerned about how the ATV's are addressed in the vision in relation to the wording in the actual conservation easement. Maggie read a sentence as it is now worded in the draft. Wink Lees said the conservation easement leans more towards snowmobiling as a traditional use and not ATV's. Dave Goulet says that everything is separated between ATV's and snowmobiles as far as the way they are described and where they are allowed. Rebecca Brown wanted to know if ATV's will be considered a special use. Wink Lees said it needs to follow the conservation easement. Brad explained to everyone how DRED manages and monitors its conservation easement lands. Harry Brown suggested that the Plan should address "OHRV", not be specific to ATV/UTV.. Maggie explained that the draft now specifically addresses ATV and UTV. Rebecca Brown said it should say somewhere what is allowed. Harry Brown said trail bikes are interested in more places to ride their bikes, which is the reason that OHRV should be the term used in the plan. Rebecca Brown wanted to know where it will be referenced and how they will be addressed if there is a problem. Harry Brown said 2.12.E the words minimal development should be replaced. When the West Side Rd. was fixed for ATV's it was significant development or upgrading. He's concerned that minimal development may have an impact on a new ATV trail in the future. The **Management Principles** chapter had a minor change to letter F referencing the use of herbicides. There may someday be a forest health crisis and there are already invasive species in Nash Stream Forest and the Tech Team wanted to be able have the flexibility of being able to use herbicides if needed. Rebecca had a comment about the vision chapter. Habitat restoration is implied in the first bullet and wanted to know if it should be more specific as far as the work Trout Unlimited is doing by replacing culverts with bridges for fish passage. **Chapter 3 Infrastructure** Bill Carpenter recommends including information about the advisory committee in the Plan. Maggie explained what some of the comments were from the first three chapters. Bill Carpenter explained that additional information on the dams has been added.. Rebecca Brown thought some of the descriptions of the roads and how to get into Nash Stream Forest were confusing. John Lanier complemented the Tech Team for its good work so far. Maggie also explained that a facilitator/technical writer has been contracted to work with the Tech Team. Maggie reviewed the revised timeline with the Committee.
5. **Other Business** - A brief discussion started about how the advisory committee should handle public comments and whether the public should be allowed to comment at each agenda item. While at the discretion of the Chairman, the Committee agreed that public comment should be allowed during the discussion of each agenda item. Bill

offered to enhance the meeting agenda to assure adequate opportunity for the public to speak. The next meeting is scheduled for January 29<sup>th</sup> in Lancaster from 6:00 – 8:00.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 P.M.