

NASH STREAM ADVISORY BOARD
NOVEMBER 18, 1996 MINUTES

PRESENT: Wayne Millen - U.S.F.S.
John Kauffman
Kevin Evans
Dave Goulet
Paul Doshier
Mary Sloat
Phil Stearns
Everett Frizzell
Dayton Goudie
Dave Falkenham
Tom Miner
Bob MacGregor
Jack Sargent
John Lane
Dave Publicover

List of Committee members was distributed.

Introductions were made around the table.

Jack Sargent gave a brief history of the property and how and why it was acquired by the State. He then went through all the different interests represented at the table and why the committee was being formed.

Jack stated that ultimate decision making authority at Nash Stream lies with the Commissioner of D.R.E.D., Robb Thomson so there are some limitations on the power of the committee. The purpose of the committee is to get input from different interests so D.R.E.D. can make informed decisions.

Tom Miner provided a 3 page handout that listed areas in the management plan concerning the committee and a draft charter for committee review.

Tom then spoke about the purpose of the committee in performing the valuable function of validation monitoring. He then described the setup of the Forest Management Bureau and where Dave Falkenham, Bob MacGregor and himself fit in that organization. Tom designated Bob MacGregor as primary contact person.

Jack Sargent then asked if anyone had any additions to the makeup of the committee. Dayton Goudie asked if there should be a Fish and Game presence? Bob MacGregor answered that no State employees are actually members of the committee but because they are in-house resources for us they will be fully utilized. Bob also mentioned that Will Staats and Scott Decker were invited to tonight's meeting but had other obligations due to hunting season.

John Kauffman asked if this would be the only way that the public

could provide input? Tom answered that all the usual channels D.R.E.D. uses to publicize their activities would still be used and that the committee would be in addition to that. Tom declared that a news release would be issued concerning this meeting.

Mary Sloat asked if the news release would mention everyone's name so the public could contact them if they had concerns? Tom said it would if no one minded their name being in the paper. All said mentioning their names would be o.k..

John Kauffman asked if we would be spending money and making money spending decisions? Consensus was that recommendations could be made but D.R.E.D. had to decide how to spend limited funds.

Tom talked about how often the group should meet. After some discussion it was decided that two regularly scheduled meetings per year would fill the bill, in addition meetings could be called when important issues came up. Tom talked about the possibility of a snow machine trip to familiarize members with the property this winter.

Tom then talked about the term of appointment for members, Mary suggested 3 year staggered terms, with three randomly selected equal groups broken up as below:

- 5 Members - Term ends after 1 year.
- 5 Members - Term ends after 2 years.
- 5 Members - Term ends after 3 years.

There was also some discussion concerning number of consecutive terms that one member could serve.

Time to hold meetings was discussed and late afternoon was agreed to be best.

Dayton asked that events at Nash Stream be updated to the committee members. Tom said that would be no problem.

Tom then did a brief review of the management plan.

Bob recapped what has been done at Nash Stream since the State has owned the property. Because all timber harvesting was postponed until completion of the management plan most of the work has been maintaining and upgrading the infrastructure of roads and bridges. In the last summer the State has done a natural resources inventory on 1,800 acres in the southeast corner of the property. The inventory map of this acreage was shown to the group and Bob explained that 580 acres had been determined as high priority for some kind of commercial silvicultural operation. Bob explained that the State had

determined 3,000 cords per year to be a highly conservative harvest target and that he hoped operations would start in the winter of 1997 - 1998.

Tom mentioned new Recommended Voluntary Forest Management Practices for New Hampshire. All members of the committee would like a copy except Kevin Evans and Paul Doshier who already have one.

John Kauffman asked if there was a decent medium size map of the property. Tom said no but that producing one would be a good idea. Kevin said that Dartmouth had recently printed good quality maps of the Grant for about \$1.00 apiece. Copies of the State Lands map were handed out.

Kevin asked if the property was on GIS? Tom said yes but that all the data was at the Complex Systems Research Unit at UNH.

Wayne Millen described the U.S. Forest Service role in management of Nash Stream Forest.

As there were no further questions, meeting adjourned with next meeting planned for March 1997 with no exact fixed date.