

**Connecticut Lakes Headwater Citizens Committee**  
**June 16, 2012, 10:00 am**

In attendance: Bing Judd, John Steward, Chris Gamache, Glenn Normandeau, Jenn Landry, Merrill Dalton, John Lanier, Richard Moquin, Jim Gallagher, and Ron Hughes.

**Committee Update:**

Dick Moquin has been reappointed, Rep. Gene Chandler has been appointed, Jenn Landry is expected to be reappointed by the Pittsburg selectmen on Monday.

**ATV Update:**

Chris Gamache - SB 250 passed the Senate on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. The bill made changes to the ATV criteria and allows ATVs on some state roads.

- Chris needs to get the roads signed and is meeting with NHDOT next week
- Chris met with NHDES mid-April; DES has approved using the trail at the base of the Murphy Dam and DES's section of Cedar Stream Road.

Chairman Steve Ellis, Pittsburg Selectmen – passage of SB250 allows ATVs to get from Moose Pond Rd. The next board meeting will discuss opening roads to allow people to get into the village.

- When will the roads be open? Chris Gamache - In the next week or two
- Chris – meeting was held in Colebrook two weeks ago to open the rail bed up through Beecher's Falls.

Chris Gamache - There is an economic development forum in Colebrook next week on the impact of ATVs.

Steve Ellis – the town and club are meeting with Jules Robinson to discuss access. The town of Clarksville needs to vote on opening roads.

**CLH Plan Amendment:**

Plan amendment has been in progress since April 2011. Johanna noted where the amendment has changed from the public draft released and discussed at outreach sessions in May;

- Section 3.4.5.5 ATV Riding on Designated Roads – Amended Plan Direction
  - Revised #2 changing the fall closing date to September 30<sup>th</sup>.
  - Revised #6 to identify subcommittee members and their duties.
  - Revised #3 to say sunrise to sunset.
- Section 3.4.5.6 Equestrian Use
  - Added 1.c to the Amended Plan Direction to seek the advice of the CLHCC when an equestrian plan is developed.

Bing Judd – Encouraged the Division to act swiftly on convening the equestrian committee, asked for volunteers to join it; John Steward, Jenn Landry, Sandy Young, Johanna Lyons and Bing are all interested. Johanna also has some community contacts that volunteered.

Bing asked for a motion to endorse the plan amendment. Glenn Normandeau moved to endorse, Ron Hughes seconded the motion – unanimous plan amendment endorsement.

Two related handouts were briefly discussed; Comment Summary for the plan amendment and the 2009-2011 Endowment report from DRED & Fish and Game.

- Johanna will back check the endowment/payments to the towns when the property was transferred.

Public Access Update:

Sandy Young – Most of the gates are open. Over \$500,000 in damage last fall from Hurricane/TS Irene; some FEMA money for bridge abutments is coming. The Department of Safety is helping with mapping for the kiosk information. The property will be broken up into 8 compartments. It is unlikely the summer info will be up this year but we should have the winter ready.

Boundary Pond Update:

Jim Gallagher – the dam maintenance crew has been on-site for about 3 weeks, the road is built to the dam and they are preparing the foundation. Dam reconstruction should be completed by fall.

- Can F&G use the gravel at Scott's Bog at Boundary Pond? No, the easement only allows gravel to stay on the natural area. Can be used for the Scott's Bog dam.
- The boulders will be reinstalled to keep the parking area where it is now and prohibit vehicles from driving to the dam
- The pit toilet and kiosk will be installed in the parking lot.

Lake Francis Launch:

Bing Judd – the boat launch needs repair. Jim Gallagher – once the water level goes down, the crew will fix the hole in the launch and secure the dock temporarily. The launch needs to be rebuilt.

There was no other business and Glenn Normandeau motioned to adjourn, Jenn Landry seconded the motion, all approved.

Meeting adjourned 11:54 am.

Minutes respectfully submitted, Johanna Lyons