

Tamworth Conservation Commission
Agenda for Monday, April 1*, 2024
Tamworth Office Building at 7 pm

*Meeting a week early to avoid the April 8 date of solar eclipse.

1. Call to order—seat alternates; review agenda
2. Approval of minutes from 3/11/2024
3. Administrative and announcements:
 - “Town Lands for Wildlife” – a series of webinars put on by NH Extension, has concluded. All of the recordings from the entire webinar series can be found [here](#). They provided numerous additional resources online. They are seeking applications that will lead to them working with 3 selected towns on improving wildlife protections. See below for ideas they provided re local actions to protect wildlife^.
 - Are you getting NHACC e-News? Listservs? Do you want to?
 - April 6: Saving Special Places is April 6th in Alton. TCC will support your attending...
 - May 3, 9:30 – 3, Stream Restoration Workshop, Tin Mtn.
4. Financial—Charlie
5. Representative Reports: Planning Board
6. Representative Reports: Select Board
7. Review & Assignment of Committees for the year (committee leads are in agenda, except CLRC)
8. Easement monitoring – Jeremy
9. Public Education and Outreach - Lucy
 - 9.1 Cook Library Backpack project – Lucy, et al.
10. Conservation Easements/Land Protection
 - 10.1 Baseline documentation and monitoring system updates – Holden & Alt easements - Chris
 - 10.2. Aspinall-update - Nelson
 - 10.3. Cook, Lot 211-52 – Select Board
 - 10.4 Correspondence re Holden property, potential building lot & history – Nelson, Ned
11. Wetlands/Shoreland – Kit
 - 11.1 Correspondence to NH DES, Shoreland Protection concern, Swift River near Rte. 113 - Ned
 - 11.2 Advisory letter to Washington Hill Road landowner - Ned
12. Managed Lands and Trails - Dylan
13. Other Business
14. Adjournment

^From Extension protecting wildlife series: There were several potential projects mentioned during yesterday’s webinar that your Conservation Commission might take on if you’re considering initiating efforts on town lands for wildlife. These are all things you can pursue on your own, but some are good options for technical assistance from the TAFW team:

- *Connect with your UNH Extension County Forester to discuss management options based on your community's goals and objectives.*
- *Manage town lands to create, enhance, or restore wildlife habitat. Start by identifying existing habitats on town-owned lands and your goals for wildlife on those properties.*
- *Work with professionals (NH licensed forester, wildlife biologists) to develop forest management plans or habitat management plans for your town-owned lands.*
- *Where streams occur on town lands, explore strategic woody additions to benefit brook trout and other aquatic wildlife.*
- *Develop an inventory of town-owned lands in your community and define if/how they are permanently protected. Identify those that might benefit from further protection efforts.*
- *Identify important wildlife habitats in your community that might be a good fit for a conservation project. Connect with your local land trust for support and opportunities to collaborate.*
- *Identify invasive plants on town-owned lands and develop strategies to manage or control invasives, where appropriate.*
- *Host an invasive plant workday on town land. Post your event to the Nature Groupie calendar.*
- *Plan a BioBlitz for a town property to learn more about the natural resources in your town and engage community members.*
- *Use the Trails for People & Wildlife tool to assess the impacts of trails on wildlife on town lands.*