

Tamworth Conservation Commission

Minutes – March 11, 2024, Tamworth Town Office

Minutes reviewed and approved at the April 1, 2024 meeting

Call to Order – Kit Morgan called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Commissioners present were Charlie Townsend, Eileen Shelly, Jeremy Phillips, Kit Morgan and Dylan Alden. Teresa Fournier joined later via Zoom. Commissioners absent: Nelson O'Bryan. Alternates present: Lucy Gatchell and Ned Beecher. Alternates absent: Stephanie Doyle. Also present: Nick Grant, Planning Board; and Richard Doucette, Select Board. Kit appointed Lucy and Ned to fill the empty seats. Lucy relinquished her seat when Teresa entered the meeting via Zoom.

Approval of Minutes for 02-12/2024 – Ned moved to accept the minutes as written. Lucy seconded, motion carried.

Administrative and Announcements

Received letter of alleged wetlands violation from NH-DES concerning a sand beach installed on Swift River, Tax Map 415, Lot 73.

Ned announced that the spring bird walks will start on Wednesday, April 10. There will be six walks, total, ending on May 15.

The SPARCnet salamander censuses will be late April-early May. It could use an extra two people when the Brett School students do the census, which will be April 30 with a May 7 rain date.

Financial

Charlie reported that he will not be able to attend the town meeting. Any commissioners who will be attending should be ready to defend the proposed TCC budget, which has never been challenged.

Charlie moved to authorize payment to New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commissions for annual dues. Jeremy seconded, motion carried.

Charlie moved to authorize payment of \$86.35 to Nelson O'Bryan for reimbursement of funds paid to Carroll County Registry of Deeds for the recording of the Holden Easement. Jeremy seconded, motion carried.

Planning Board – Nick Grant reported that the Board will be dealing with the build-out analysis at the next work meeting. There are three candidates for two board members on the ballot. Discussed the possibility that the Planning Board would propose a new wetlands ordinance.

Select Board – Richard Doucette reported that the Board is getting ready for the town meeting. He recommended a book, “White Pine,” and produced a copy of it. Dylan got first dibbs. Tamworth Community Power is on the town meeting warrant. Discussed intricacies and benefits of the proposal.

TCC Officers – Dylan moved that the TCC officers for 2024 be Ned Beecher, Chair; Kit Morgan, Vice Chair; and Charlie Townsend, Treasurer. Jeremy seconded, motion carried.

Easement Monitoring – 2023 inspection reports are complete. It's never too early to do the 2024 inspections. Dylan volunteered to take over the Lindsey (Jackman Pond) easement.

Public Education and Outreach – Discussed the Cook Library's summer adventure program. Received some articles for the backpack. Lucy suggested that the TCC trail maps and Hikin' Heron forms and patches be included. Interested commissioners will have a brainstorming session after the meeting.

Within the preceding conversation and talk about the upcoming solar eclipse, it was decided that the **next meeting will be scheduled for April 1st**, provided that the meeting room is available.

Conservation Easements/Land Protection

Holden – The easement for Lot 206-97 has been accepted and signed by the Select Board, and recorded at Carroll County Registry of Deeds.

Alt Consolidation – The two consolidation and reassignment deeds have been signed and sent to the Forest Society for recording.

Aspinall Lot – Nothing new.

Cook – The Select Board declined the offer of donation and suggested that the lot be donated to one of the abuters.

Managed Lands and Trails – Dylan will get specifications of trail signs that need replacing to Chris Conrod. Lucy asked about trail maps on the website. The Administrative Assistant will check to see if the latest editions are displayed.

Other Business – Jeremy recommended the book “Drop” for readers age ~5 and up.

Adjourn – There being no other business brought before the Commission, Jeremy moved, Eileen seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Submitted by Chris Conrod, TCC Administrative Assistant.