

**Tamworth Conservation Commission  
- Conservation Lands Review Committee-  
Meeting Minutes of July 20, 2006**

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The regular monthly committee meeting of Tamworth's **Conservation Lands Review Committee** was held on July 20, 2006, at 7:30 pm in the conference room of the Town Offices.

**Committee Members in Attendance:** Chris Conrod, Chair, Chele Miller, David Little, Elaine Cleveland, John Mersfelder.

**I. The Minutes from the June 22 meeting:** were approved by committee members.

**II. The Agricultural Land Inventory** has been completed.

- Chris has taken the cumbersome ag. data and has grouped and listed Active Agricultural Land and Open Fields by tax map number; Lot number; total acreage; code (productive, unproductive or field kept open); Prime soil acreage; State Significant; and Owner.
- Committee members decided that agricultural lands information would remain in list form only and not be converted into a map data layer.

**III. NRCS – “Helping to put ag. lands back into production”**

- Elaine reported that NRCS (Natural Resource Conservation Service) is interested in working with the identified landowners having agricultural land who might consider returning their land into crop production. Federal cost share dollars are available through NRCS for projects of this nature and it may be that the landowners do not know that this help is provided.
- The committee discussed the appropriateness of releasing the names of the people involved and it was decided that since it was public information readily available through tax maps that it would not be a breach of privacy to assist NRCS in their contacting of these people.
- David will send Elaine his file containing this information.
- Elaine will find out from NRCS if they have a table of Carroll County soil attributes for prime and forest lands.

**IV. NRI Data**

- The committee continued working through the last sections of categories. The highlights are noted. The revised list will be submitted at the September meeting.
  - Fire Ponds - This listing probably exists with the fire department. David will ask Steve Solomon, Tamworth Fire Chief, for the listing.
  - Old Growth Forests- This is considered to be too difficult to inventory and will be local knowledge and there would be one of the questions asked on the Master Plan survey.
  - Archeological (pre-1600) Thad Berrier will be consulted.

- Trails Only trails allowing public access will be inventoried -- private trails will not be inventoried.
- Cemetaries: inventory will include total number and acreage --not locations.
- Junk Yards: Could be a subject for another work session.
- Current Use: Data would be in Land Cover data.

**V. Co-occurrence Assessment Methods – to be continued**

- The method of building a value system for ranking the completed data was tabled for September's meeting when more time could be dedicated to the question. The committee was asked to continue looking over the various ways other towns have assigned their value systems.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

Elaine Cleveland

**Upcoming Meetings**

*NRI – Conservation Lands Review Committee*

**Next Working Session**  
**--TRAILS--**  
**August 16, 2006**  
*7:00 pm*  
Town Office – Conference Room

**Next Regular Committee Meeting**

**Wednesday**  
**September 20, 2006**  
*7:00 pm*  
Town Office – Conference Room

The Conservation Lands Review Committee Meetings are open meetings  
– We welcome your participation–