

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

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The regular monthly committee meeting of Tamworth's **Conservation Lands Review Committee** was held on September 20, 2006, at 7:00 pm in the conference room of the Cook Memorial Library.

Committee Members in Attendance: Chris Conrod, Chair, Chele Miller, David Little, Elaine Cleveland, John Mersfelder, Margaret Rieser, and Scott Aspinall.

- I. **The Minutes from the July 20 meeting:** were approved by committee members following a clarification of the outcome of the work meeting held on August 16. In the July minutes it was recorded in section IV NRI Data; subsection "Trails" that : "Only trails allowing public access will be inventoried --private trails will not be inventoried." The minutes are to be corrected to reflect the decision that was made during the work meeting that an inventory of every trail, whether public or private, that could be walked would be included in the inventory. The specific locations of private trails would not be published in any of the information made available to the public, but the information would be made available to the Conservation Commission.
- II. **Co-occurrence Assessment Methods –**
 - The committee agreed to use a NRI category value ranking system model developed for the Town of Meredith in 2005 by Rick Van de Poll .
 - John Mersfelder agreed to call Meredith to find out how they have used their information; and in what areas they have applied it.
 - The committee reviewed and selected 13 attributes to be assessed.
 - NRI attributes determined by the committee to further rank/score/map were recorded by Chris Conrod; the table is listed below. Red text in the "Attributes" column indicates possible need for modification. The "Comments" column includes suggestions for databases to be used in defining the attributes; or signifies questions to be addressed by the members in their next meeting. The highlighted portions of the comments column suggest a major challenge to the committee in keeping the information manageable.

NRI Categories for Inclusion in Maps and Scoring System				
Mer. NRI #	Attribute	NRI Map	Score	Comments
1	Lot Size	N	Y	This will be visually indicated w/tax map overlay.
2	Conservation Status/Proximity	N?	Y	Maybe Yes on map for current status.
-	Agricultural Soil	Y	Y	Prime Ag, State Wide Significance.
3	Agricultural Use	N	Y	Our data
4	Scenic Value	N	Y	How do we do this?
5	Water Quality	Y	Y	Aquifers, Community/public wells, Contaminant sources.
6	Wetlands	Y	Y	Prime, national wetlands inventory
7	Surface Water	Y	Y	Ponds and streams. Include intermittent? Orders?
8	Forest Cover (Land Cover?)	Y	Y	Use WAP Hab. Cover? CSRC Land Cover?
9	Wildlife	Y	Y	WAP Tier Values, Deer Yards,
10	R&E Sp./Exemp. Communities	Y	Y	Available NHHI data, Land cover data.
11	Special Features	Y	Y	Most of these are covered in other categories.
12	Access/Fragmentation (split these?)	N	Y	Trails needing protection, conservation lands w/access. Frag. of lots/major road frontage vs forest block size.
13	Level of Human Activity	N	Y	Based on Meredith NRI
-	Development Potential Soils	Y	Y	"Soils Potential for Development" -- can't find it.
-	Forest Soils	Y	Y	See NRCS ratings chart.

- Two work meetings were scheduled for November 1 and November 8. It is planned that the majority of time will be spent working on the inclusion table.
- The meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

Elaine Cleveland

Upcoming Meetings

NRI – Conservation Lands Review Committee

Next Working Session

- NRI Categories for Inclusion in Maps and Scoring System
- Identifying the top town-wide priorities for resource conservation

Date, time, Location: To Be announced
Please watch your email.