

**Tamworth Conservation Commission  
- Conservation Lands Review Committee-  
Meeting Minutes of June 22, 2006**

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A working session of Tamworth's **Conservation Lands Review Committee** was held on June 22, 2006, at 7:30 pm at the home of Elaine Cleveland.

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

- I. **Minutes from the Working Sessions 1 & 2:** were accepted.
- II. **Working Session #3:** Chele Miller reported that the agricultural land identification project was completed on Thursday, May 25, 2006 by Scott Aspinall, David Little, Chele Miller, and Bob Davis.
  - ❖ Elaine will add the final working session report to the June minutes packet.

*Next Steps:*

1. Translating data into a GIS format
  - ❖ Chris and David will work on translating and consolidating the data and produce an ag land layer.
2. Make a list of the soil attributes and where they are located of what the State has identified as prime Tamworth soils of State-wide importance.
  - ❖ Chris will use Carroll County's Soil Survey guide to find what other ag attributes may be there within the State identified prime soil areas.
  - ❖ David has access to the information that Green Mountain Conservation has made into data layers.
  - ❖ Elaine will ask the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) that when they do a computer data bank download of soil information if that information is the same as recorded in Carroll County's Soil Survey guide.
  - ❖ Elaine will ask for a listing of Tamworth's areas where the State has identified as "prime significance".

**III. Barry Keith's Prime Wetlands Map**

1. **Progress Report-** a copy has been requested by John. To date it has not been received.
2. John will make a more formal request made by sending a letter from Tamworth's Conservation Commission requesting a copy.

**IV. Master Plan Public Survey: Field Test of Conservation Commission's suggested questions.**

- ❖ A Questionnaire will be part of the display at the July 4<sup>th</sup> Family Day. People will be asked to fill out the form if they haven't done so already.
- ❖ Scott asked that "AQUIFERS" be added as a category.

John acknowledged that it was to have been listed and it will be corrected.

- V. Review of NRI Categories and Mapping Dataset lists: David Little handed out examples of point systems used by the towns of Greenland and Meredith to assign values to areas. Chris was hesitant to assign values now. He thought that in order for this committee to work out a point system giving values to Tamworth areas, we would have to consider the town survey results in order to know what is valued.

The committee worked through three of the seven NRI categories to review what has been collected, what needs to be collected and what can be eliminated. The changes are listed.

- Earth,
  - i. ii. Glacial Features #(2) “scour/deposition” –should be changed to “Till”.
  - ii. iii Unique/Rare/Commercial Features (1) ring dyke- should be a description only. (3) gravel pits – remove “pits” it will just be “gravel”.
- Water,
  - i. Water Bodies remove #(3) ephemeral (vernal pools) say something about their value, but to name them all is an impossible task. #(5) floodplains –new information available from FEMA.
  - ii. c. Ground Water: remove the category #(3) wells, borings and spring sites.
  - iii. d. Aquifers #ii. Recharge areas – include adjacent hillsides. Remove “g. Water monitoring sites”.
- Vegetation,
  - i. b. Forest Communities: Remove “i. Old-Growth/Mature Forests” can’t do it because of the elevation factor where these forests would be found.
  - ii. There is a question as to whether “c. Rare/Exemplary Communities” could be identified. Natural Heritage won’t give out the list. The Conservation Commission would need to request the information
- Information we need to add:
  - i. Pitch Pine Barrens (NH Fish & Game)
  - ii. Boreal and Silver Maple Floodplains .
  - iii. Bearcamp River Floodplain along Bryant Road

Committee members were asked to finish working through the list of the following categories before the July 20<sup>th</sup> meeting:

- 4. Wildlife
- 5. Human uses
- 6. Boundaries
- 7. Regulations

Meeting adjourned at 9: 50 pm.

Respectfully submitted: Elaine Cleveland

## Upcoming Meetings

*NRI – Conservation Lands Review Committee*

**Next Regular Committee Meeting**  
**July 20, 2006**  
*7:30 pm*  
**Remick Farm Museum**

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