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Tamworth Conservation Commission
 - Conservation Lands Review Committee-
 Draft of the Meeting Minutes of April 27, 2006

SPECIAL MEETING NOTICE: ALL Members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Special Meeting: Wednesday, May 3 – 7:30 pm A working session will be held to begin identifying & mapping of productive & unproductive agricultural lands. • Location: Scott Aspinall’s house – Cleveland Hill Road
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A working session of Tamworth’s **Conservation Lands Review Committee** was held on March 16, 2006, at 7:00 pm at the conference room of the Remick Museum.

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

New member of the committee: An invitation to join the committee was extended by Chris Conrod and accepted by Scott Aspinall.

1. **March’s Meeting Minutes:** were corrected as follows:
 - i. Refer to Follow-up action box – Item #: 3 Progress Report- a. Prime Wetlands Map

<i>Follow-up Action:</i>	The status of prime wetlands is not known. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>We don’t “have a definition of Prime Wetlands”.</u> <u>Corrected to read:</u> We don’t know whether the Town has passed the ordinance.
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- ii. Refer to Follow-up action box – Item #: 3 Progress Report- b. Agricultural Soils

Insert the following as a bullet point:

<i>Action: Margaret’s revised assignment.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Since the scope of the assignment is too much for one person, areas of Tamworth will be divided into sections and committee members will help with the survey.”
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The minutes will be posted on the Tamworth Exchange website.

A matter of “Housekeeping”

- Posting of the committee’s minutes –
 An agreed target to strive for; within: ~3 business days~

2. Conservation Land Totals *Chris*
 Chris presented an up-to-date listing compiled from all the known recorded data of Tamworth conservation land acreage broken down into agency management or fee-simple statistics.
3. Master Plan Committee – “Where do we fit?”
 We would like to work with them. As our committee continues to gather data, we

have a lot to offer to the Master Plan re-writing effort. Currently we are willing to talk with them and listen to their suggestions of an NRI category that they feel they would like to be fast-tracked. A statement offering our assistance will be communicated to the Chair, Tom Peters.

NRI Representative: David Little

4. Agricultural Land Inventory *Margaret Rieser*

a. Active agricultural land inventory; procedure and assignments:

Follow the directive from March's Meeting: Do a "wind-shield" survey. (Consider any field that has been "rocked" means someone tried to grow something.) "Identify: a working farm, field and/or a pasture, or open space and add an assessment of how active it is (i.e. any grazing, mowing, haying, recreational activities, apparent?)."

b. Prime and SWS agricultural land; procedure:

Chris provided an inventory sheet with production codes to be used by the surveyor. A GIS produced Tamworth map will be divided into segments.

- IT was agreed that having the whole committee work together would more efficiently begin the survey; each member would identify agricultural lands specifically assigned to them.
- Any unknown areas would be circled and highlighted and personally inventoried by individuals.
- Other areas under consideration could also be identified and marked: i.e. vernal pools, forested pieces, deer-yards, and fire ponds, etc.

• A general public appeal will be posted on the Tamworth Exchange for a listing of Vernal Pool areas appearing on private land.

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5. Aesthetics *Elaine Cleveland*

Elaine brought to the committee's attention three chapters currently important to the development of the NRI's second objective: an educational piece. The previous work completed and published in Tamworth Today: A Town Profile & Guidebook, in 2000, narrates aesthetics, historical, geographical, and natural resource features that would translate extremely well into an educational resource that the committee plans to provide as the final piece of the inventory process.

<i>Assignment:</i> <i>Elaine J</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inquire from the Tamworth Civic Association (Amy Berrier-Editor) as to whether the sections: <i>Ten Historical Driving Tours of Tamworth</i>; <i>Geography & Natural Resources</i>; and <i>Land Conservation Techniques</i> from <u>Tamworth Today</u>, printed in 2000, are under any copyright restrictions. • Inquire whether an up-date by the writers could be requested and the material incorporated into the NRI's final educational publication.
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6. Prime Wetlands

David Little

David had acquired from the Tamworth Town Clerk's office an attested copy of the list of the Prime Wetlands and the ballot vote count recorded on March 10, 1987. The list is the same one that appears in Tamworth Conservation Commission's Handbook. However, it was noted that the state is missing two areas; Morris Pond and one other in Chocorua.

7. GIS Data Layers

David Little

David reviewed the status of the main and sub-categories NRI data layers. His current report indicates a collection from the GMCG NRI maps, the Fish & Game Coarse filter maps from Katie Callahan, and downloads off the Web in a spreadsheet format. Percentages of information we already have; categories not yet addressed-- which have digitalized information available through either NHDES or GRANIT-- and categories where there is no digitalized data. (Some date we will have to develop; some can still be gathered from existing information.) We were asked to indicate what digitalized data was of higher priority.

- More Cliff/Talus areas exist and locations need to be identified and marked.

<i>Action: Chris</i>	■ Chris Conrod had produced a report on gravel soils several years ago. He will check on the types of soil and email the information to David.
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8. Land Conservation Workshop

David Little

The Green Mountain Conservation Group had a recent workshop "Green Infrastructure: A Strategic Approach to Natural Resource Planning and Conservation". Theresa Swanick, led the attending groups in the process of how to use layered maps. The committee agreed this workshop would be a good opportunity to work more closely with Tamworth Town Committees. Selectmen, Planning Board, Tamworth Conservation Commission, and the Master Plan Committee would be invited.

Adjournment: 9:30 pm.

SPECIAL MEETING DATE: A WORKING SESSION

MAY 3, 2006

Please note: there is a change of location

Scott Aspinall's home
Cleveland Hill Road

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

