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TAMWORTH CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Minutes
September 8, 2008

Draft minutes to be reviewed and approved at a subsequent meeting.

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Ned Beecher at 7:09.

Members Present: Bill Batchelder, Ned Beecher, Bryan Berlind, Dave Cluff, Dave Haskell, Jeremy Phillips, Charlie Townsend, Donna Veilleux

Seating of alternates: Jeremy Phillips substituted for Scott Aspinall.

Approval of Minutes of August 11, 2008

Corrections:

- Energy Committee: revise to read "Parker Roberts has worked with Public Service, the Energy Committee, and an electrician to change the lighting of the Town House. The library has made minor changes as well."
- The spelling of Scott Aspinall's name was corrected in one place.
- The spelling of Tamworth Realty Trust was corrected.
- Bill Batchelder moved, and Donna Veilleux seconded, to accept the minutes of 8/11/08 as corrected. The motion passed, 3-0, with Dave Haskell, Bryan Berlind, and Jeremy Phillips abstaining.

Administrative

Budget Coordinator Report

- Charlie Townsend moved, and Bryan Berlind seconded, to pay the sum of \$243.75, plus associated costs, for administrative assistant services. The motion passed with no objection.
- Prior to this expenditure, 49% of the budgeted amount for personnel has been spent, with approximately \$900 remaining for this year.

Changes in TCC membership

- With regrets, the Commission noted the resignation of John Mersfelder, submitted in a letter to the Select Board, dated 9/4/2008 and effective immediately.
- The Commission will miss him dearly but is glad that he is taking care of his health. The Commission paused to reflect on the dedication of John Mersfelder and the length of his service to conservation in Tamworth.

Wetlands Matters

Ossipee Valley Snowmobile Club

- On 8/11/2008 the TCC recommended to the Planning Board that a waiver request be granted, when the Board seeks TCC input.
- The Planning Board formally forwarded this matter to the TCC at their August 27th meeting.
- Charlie Townsend moved, and Donna Veilleux seconded, to recommend to the Planning Board that the waiver request sought by the Ossipee Valley Snowmobile Club be granted, with the understanding that there will be no ATV

use. This motion was the same as the motion of 8/11, and the rationale noted in the minutes of that meeting shall be forwarded to the Board for their information. The motion passed with no objection, with Bryan Berlind recusing himself.

Chocorua Lake Conservation Foundation

- On 8/11/2008 the TCC recommended to the Planning Board that the Tamworth Wetlands Ordinance Special Use Permit Application be approved, when the Board seeks TCC input. This project was reviewed again at this meeting, as the Planning Board formally requested TCC input during their 8/27 meeting.
- Charlie Townsend moved, and Bryan Berlind seconded, to recommend to the Planning Board that the Special Use Permit application made by the Chocorua Lake Conservation Foundation be approved, with the understanding that the concerns of the commission are that species which are native and appropriate are used and that the nutrients in the socks need to be low level and organic. This motion was the same as the motion of 8/11, and the rationale noted in the minutes of that meeting shall be forwarded to the Board for their information. The motion passed with no objection.
- The TCC urges the Planning Board to meet on the 26th or 27th to allow project to proceed in a timely manner, as it is dependent on the growing season.
- Ned noted that the Department of Environmental Services has approved the Minimum Impact Application for this project with some stipulations on 9/2/2008.

Draft protocols for Submitting a Special Use Permit Application

Ned Beecher will attend a meeting on this subject with the Planning Board on 9/10/08.

Outreach re: Wetlands Ordinance

- A flyer has been drafted and will be reviewed by Ned Beecher.
- Donna Veilleux will distribute the publication.
- David Cluff will forward it to the board that licenses wetlands scientists.
- Bryan Berlind will obtain a list of septic system designers in Carroll County.

CMI Interrogatories

- CMI requested email and other documents from Commission members as part of their appeal of the second decision of the Planning Board to deny a Special Use Permit.
- Ned Beecher commended the commission members and Chris Conrod for responding on fairly short notice. Documents were forwarded to town attorney Rick Sager.

Land Acquisition & Easements

Tamworth Realty Trust/Rhodes Easement

- Baseline documentation of the easement and work on the trail will be completed by the October meeting by Dave Haskell, Claes, and Ned.

Committee / Coordinator Reports

Planning Board Representative

- In addition to previously noted matters, David Cluff reported that the Planning Board approved the Bryant Road and Cronan projects.
- The Tamworth Road project has been reviewed by the Planning Board.

TCC Managed Lands & Trails Committee

Blazing was completed by Jeremy on the longer trail at Big Pines.

Signs for the Peg King Spur Trail will be completed soon; John M. is working this.

Dedication of the Peg King Spur Trail and commemoration of the listing of the fire tower as a National Historic Lookout will be held at 3 pm on October 5th at the Tower.

- Bill Batchelder prepared articles for the Green Mountain Newsletter and the Tamworth Civic News announcing this event.
- Special notice will be given to the Planning Board, Select Board, family of Peg King, Thad and Amy Berrier, the fire wards, Dave Bowles and others.
- Donna Veilleux will send a press release to the Conway Daily Sun.
- Bill Batchelder will post a notice on the Tamworth Exchange.
- Ned Beecher will bring cider and refreshments.
- Dave Haskell will obtain cups from Hannaford's.
- Chris Clyne, Betsy Loughran, and a representative from the fire department will be invited to speak.

Mowing of TCC properties

- To allow for the migration of birds, TCC fields are scheduled to be mowed in alternate years. The status of the fields will be checked by Dave Haskell.

Bearcamp Natural Area Signs

- At the request of Dave Haskell, the Commission approved the purchase of sign posts and relocation of the location of the sign.

Publications, Publicity, Outreach

Hazardous Waste Day

- The concern over some materials not being accepted in Center Ossipee is being looked into, reported Donna.

Energy Committee

- The post offices and school board are being worked with so that "No Idling" signs may be posted.
- The committee is meeting with Public Service regarding street lights.
- A statement at a previous meeting was corrected. The committee is not actively applying for another grant, since the date for accepting proposals is in May. However, the group is doing ground work now.
- The Energy Committee has offered to participate on the town's Building Committee. Their next meeting will be on September 27 at 7 pm at the Cook Library. A volunteer is needed.

Other Business:

- Sam Martin presented a letter from CMI, dated 9/8/08, requesting access to information regarding easements held by the town and the names of the monitors and copies of monitoring reports.
- The reports are available for review at the town offices and may be copied. Ned Beecher invited Sam Martin to suggest a couple of times when he might meet her at the offices to assist in providing access.

NH Association of Conservation Commissions Annual Meeting

- Members who would like to attend the meeting in early November should make their interest known at the TCC's October meeting. All are encouraged to attend.

Adjournment

- Donna Veilleux moved, and Dave Haskell seconded, to adjourn at 8:40. The motion passed with no objection.