

## **DRAFT MINUTES**

### **Tamworth Conservation Commission**

### **Ad-hoc Committee on Land Conservation**

**July 23, 2009**

*Draft minutes to be reviewed at a subsequent meeting.*

**Present:** Ned Beecher, David Little, John Mersfelder, Chele Miller, Nelson O'Bryan, Katy Thompson

**Entering non-public session:** Nelson moved, Ned second. All approved by role call vote.

**Presentation at UUFES July 12<sup>th</sup> introducing Gilman Forest fundraising effort.**  
We reviewed how it went, how it relates to the protection of the ag lands project, etc.

#### **Purchase & Sale Agreement**

- Has not been signed yet, but is in the hands of the landowners and Tom Howe says there seem to be no substantive issues and it should be done soon
- Tom will send the draft memo of understanding between SPNHF and the Town this week for Town review.

#### **Project Name**

We reviewed the input on names:

Gilman Forest – honors the original landowner; a known, traditional name in the area.

Freto was suggested by one of the Selectmen.

Current landowners do not necessarily want Freto on the name, nor do they like “Bunker Hill.”

Mill Brook – possible choice, and the current landowners thought this was good, but it is widely used and somewhat bland.

We're tending toward using “Gilman Forest” for now.

#### **Brochures**

##### **General**

- Photos in Forest Society drafts seem to be washed out

##### **2-sider**

- Back side should not include tour info.
- Back side will include excellent aerial photo and a map showing where Gilman Lot is. David will provide these to send to SPNHF. This back page will then need some text to explain the aerial photo and map (map includes WAP pink, currently protected lands, rough boundary of the corridor, and a highlighted Gilman Lot.
- Redo money thing: “The total project cost is \$130,000, off which we already have \$30,000 pledged.”

4-pager

- Photo on front should be replaced with aerial photo and/or map
- “Keeping the Connection” page will have map and aerial photo

**Invitations to tours August 22 & 23**

- These will be done electronically and by phone calls, news releases, posters
- Targeted invitations:
  - People in neighborhood
  - People in corridor
  - Local groups that are listed in the draft 4-pagers and their members

**Emails:** Chele & Nelson will write and send email to groups and people generally.

- Sandwich Board
- Tamworth Exchange
- Organizations’ leadership: 1) will you be partner with us?; 2) please distribute to your members; 3) Can we place something in your newsletter about this? – include an actual newsletter article they can stick in. We can also provide an attachment – perhaps the handout from the UUFES presentation.
- Contacts for organizations – David & John will help make sure we have a complete list of organizations to contact.
- Ned will contact Rick van de Poll / Sandwich CC separately.

Ned will ask Selectmen about exchanging mailing list with GMCG. (David will check that GMCG will provide us use of their mailing list in exchange.)

**News release:** Ned and SPNHF (Jack) will write draft news release for local newspapers about the project and the tours.

**Website:** Ned will focus on finishing website.

**Leaving non-public session:** Ned moved, Chele seconded, all approved.

**Sealing Minutes:** It was decided that sealing these minutes is unnecessary.

**Next meeting:** Friday, July 31, 9:00 am

**Adjournment:** Ned moved, Chele seconded, all approved.

