

DRAFT MINUTES

Tamworth Conservation Commission

Ad-hoc Committee on Land Conservation

July 31, 2009

Draft minutes to be reviewed at a subsequent meeting.

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

Non-public session: Ned moved, David seconded, and all approved by role count to enter non-public session to discuss interest in property.

Accepting Minutes

Chele moved, Nelson seconded, and all approved acceptance of the June 3rd minutes, as presented. Nelson moved, Chele seconded, and all approved acceptance of the July 23 minutes, as presented. The June 3 minutes are now un-sealed, by agreement of the Committee.

Letter introducing Gilman Lot protection project to other organizations

Ned will finish letter with edits suggested and send it out to all orgs today; the letter will include a reference to the news release that will be posted on the project website, for the organizations' use. Ned will finish the news release and post it.

Plan for the 4-pager: We will print copies as needed; will use as a folder, adding other pieces as needed, such as an FAQ (based on the FAQ section of the Birches Intervale write-up); Ned will ask SPNHF for 20 – 25 printed copies of this, if they can do that. Or else we will get copies from Kinkos or Staples, etc. We agreed that the cover photo should be Nelson's view from Larcom. Ned will get it from Nelson to send to SPNHF.

2-pager:

David finished maps and will send them to Joyce directly, using the Society's FTP site (Ned will send directions to David for this). Ned and David will email Joyce to make sure she has all she needs to finish this brochure. We agreed to have them print 200, although Ned will ask what the costs are and possibly explore if a cheaper price is possible locally (perhaps a possible local partial donation).

Contribution Form

We agreed to use the details on the GMCG ag land brochure currently being circulated. We agreed not to use a pledge form (skip the pledge step), but will develop some one-on-one agreements as needed.

On Thank You form, add this: if you give in 2009, be careful about itemizing deductions on Form 1040; if you itemize and the project does not proceed, it will be difficult to return your money.

Budget

The current draft (April 30) was reviewed: Total cost is \$130K and change. \$42,893 is pledged from SPNHF & TCC. That leaves \$87,000 to raise. May have promises for \$10K and 1K and 1K (we will

approach those who have said they would donate to get their pledges or contributions). That would leave \$75K. For now, will note in publicity that we have \$43K raised.

Fundraising

- Chele will ask Katy about a bear-going-over-the-mountain (Bunker Hill) visual sign to track fundraising progress (other idea: bear climbing a tree toward the top of \$130,000).
- Decided not to pursue LCIP grant.
- Talk of going to meetings of the Ossipee and Sandwich sometime in the future, to answer any questions they may have.
- We identified individuals and organizations that may be potential significant – high priority – donors. We divided up a list for each of us to contact soon (once the brochure(s) are available).
- Medium priority (to focus on later, as needed): Ossipee Mountains interest groups are a good potential source.

Out of non-public session: David moved, Chele seconded, and all approved to exit non-public session. It was agreed the minutes will not be sealed, as long as individual potential donor names are not included in them.

Adjournment: Ned moved, David seconded, all approved at 12:00 noon.