

MINUTES

Ad-hoc Committee of the Tamworth Conservation Commission re Gilman Forest
August 14, 2009

Draft minutes to be reviewed at a subsequent meeting.

Meeting called to order at 9:30 am.

Minutes of July 31, 2009: Chele moved, Nelson seconded, and all approved.

Review of WPA meeting on Sunday: group was receptive, interested; key question was “why is this a critical project with priority right now.” It would have been helpful to have some data or research to point to regarding 1) use of the corridor, 2) the science behind the Ossipees possibly becoming an isolated island for large mammals. John recommended stressing the positives and seeing the corridor project as securing an area that may be critical in the future.

Organizations responses: Ned reviewed who had responded; it’s been all positive, with many positive comments. It was agreed that it would be great to further encourage The Nature Conservancy, Northern Forest Center, Fish & Game, and Lakes Region Conservation Trust to provide support. Ned will follow up with Jennifer re Northern Forest; Chele will follow up with F & G; and Katy will follow up with Lakes Region Conservation Trust.

Dan Hole Pond and WODC meetings this weekend: Ned will put together handouts and get them to Katy for tomorrow’s meeting, including 2 or 3 key maps, the one-pager, and several copies of Chris’s write-ups.

Brochures: 2-pager is going to print; 300 copies are ordered; hopefully will have them by the 23rd (Tom could bring them when he comes to the tour). Ned will email current draft of 4-pager to the committee members, with the hope of finalizing it by early next week so we can have a few print copies on the weekend of the 22nd & 23rd.

Tracking Donations: System will be set up. Nelson will pick up checks at Town Office; Chele will do acknowledgements; they will track together on a spreadsheet.

SPNHF: Chele, David, and John will attend. Ned will follow up with Jack Savage about details.

Mill Brook Trail Association: meeting on Sunday, the 23rd, at Scott’s, at 4:30, after the tour. Stress that they need to show interest and financial support for the project to succeed. We’ll split up call list. We’ll bring some snacks and beverages. David will do mail list and Ned will work on getting postcard invitation for meeting.

Tour, August 23rd: Katy will contact Community School re borrowing bus for transporting around (could have Ashana drive, if needed). Arrive at 2:45 at Scott’s, tour

leaves at 3:00. Not going on tour? Be at Scott's at 4:30 for presentation and party. All other details were planned for this.

Cleveland Hill Road people: we will work to have a neighborhood get-together in September/October.

CLCA – Saturday the 22nd. David will present at it.

Adjournment. Ned moved, Nelson seconded, all approved.

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