

TAMWORTH CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes

October 12, 2009

Draft to be reviewed at a subsequent meeting.

Call to Order

- Meeting called to order by Chair Ned Beecher at 7:00 pm.
- Members present were Bill Batchelder, Ned Beecher, Kathy Bunker, David Little (Planning Board Rep.), Nelson O'Bryan and Margaret Rieser.
- Nelson O'Bryan was seated as voting member.

Approval of Minutes

- Bill Batchelder moved, and Nelson O'Bryan seconded, to accept the minutes of the September 14, 2009 meeting as written. The motion passed with no objection.

Administrative

Budget report

- To date, \$4,035.73, or 63% of the budget for the current year, has been expended.

NH Association of Conservation Commissions Annual Meeting

- The NHACC Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, November 7th. The Commission will pay for members to attend, plus mileage. The agenda and workshops can be found on the NHACC website. Members who wish to attend should notify Ned Beecher.

Administrative Assistant Report

Correspondence received included the following:

- Notification that the Lakes Region Water Company has applied for American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Funds through the NH DES Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund.
- An update from the NH DES on water protection planning in the New Hampshire, including their next areas of focus.
- Minutes of the Green Mountain Conservation Group's Aquifer Ordinance Work Group session of 9/11/09.
- Complete Forestry Notification for William and George Flack (Map 411/Lots 17&18) and a timber sale for White Lake State Park.
- Thank you letter from Green Mountain Conservation Group for \$700 donated to the Butcher/Nesbitt/Whiteface Intervale & Behr Farm Land Protection Program.

Committee / Coordinator Reports

Planning Board Representative

- David Little reported that a Land Use Planning Forum was held on the topic of small businesses.
- The Planning Board has discussed their experience with the Ossipee Valley Snowmobile Club and the Great Hill Reservation Trust to consider how the process might be improved.
- At the request of the Planning Board, the Commission will host a Land Use Planning Forum on Monday, October 19th at 7 pm at the Town House. Commission members are encouraged to attend. David Little will look at the Master Plan for specific issues to discuss.

Easement Monitoring – Kathy Bunker

- An Easement Monitoring Training Workshop was held on Saturday, October 3, 2009.
- Kathy Bunker will send assignments for monitoring properties.
- Ned Beecher and Kathy Bunker will meet to discuss baseline documentation for the hayfield.

Managed Lands and Trails Committee

- Clearing and piling hundreds of small trees during the "Waterfowl Haven Pine Clearing Extravaganza" on Sunday, October 4 was a significant accomplishment. Another session will be held on Sunday, November 1st from 12:30 – 4:00.
- Ned Beecher may call Brenda to follow up with the Economic Development Committee regarding a trail network.
- Nelson O'Bryan reported that a bridge on the Bearcamp River Trail is close to being flooded due to beaver activity but does not appear to be in danger of being destroyed. A closer look will be taken during easement monitoring. The Community School is planning on fixing the bridge.

- David Haskell has been working on a letter to landowners along the Bearcamp River regarding permission to have the trail go over their land.
- Kristel Reid Faris and her husband plan to paint the fire tower. Dave Bowles will provide access.
- Since the mailbox at Hemenway has been replaced it is no longer necessary to remove it for the winter.
- In response to an inquiry by an abutter, copies of a survey map and deed to Black Spruce Bog were sent.

Ordinance Review

- The committee met to review the Wetlands Ordinance Application. David Little will rework the application based on input from the committee. The revised application form will be brought to the Commission for approval.

Outreach, Publications, Publicity, Education

- An article that Bill Batchelder submitted was printed by Green Mountain Conservation Group in its newsletter. an article to green mountain and it was printed.

Agriculture Commission

- A Land Use Planning Forum on the topic of agriculture will be held on November 14, 2009 from 10 to noon at the Community School. This may be an opportunity to assess if having an agricultural commission might be helpful to those involved in agriculture at this time.
- As an example, Margaret Rieser will bring information about what some agricultural commissions do.
- Margaret Rieser will contact the Wolfeboro Agriculture Commission to learn from them.

Well Head/Aquifer Protection & Water Quality Monitoring

- Regular Green Mountain Conservation Group Aquifer Protection Ordinance Workshops are being held. The goal is to present a proposal to the town in March of 2011.

Land Acquisition & Easements

- The Gilman Forest Protection Project Fundraising Committee has raised \$92,000 out of the \$140,000 required. Another walk was held. It was noted that the Bearcamp Trackers observed bobcat tracks in the vicinity.
- A celebration is planned to mark the completion of Green Mountain Conservation Group's Agricultural Land Protection Project.

Adjournment

- Ned Beecher will ask Charlie Townsend to chair the November meeting in his absence.
- Kathy Bunker moved, and Margaret Rieser seconded, to adjourn at 7:50 pm. The motion passed without objection.