

Tamworth Conservation Commission
Draft Minutes – December 10, 2018
Draft minutes to be reviewed and approved at a subsequent meeting

Call to Order – Nelson O'Bryan called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm. Commissioners present were Nelson O'Bryan, William Batchelder, Charlie Townsend, Stephanie Doyle and John Watkins. Commissioners absent: Chele Miller. Alternates present: Eric Dube, Ned Beecher, Dexter Harding, Kit Morgan and Lucy Gatchell. Nelson assigned Eric and Ned to fill the vacant seats.

Also present: Steve Gray, Selectman.

Approval of Minutes for 11/12/2018 – Batch moved to accept minutes as written. Stephanie seconded, motion carried. Eric and Ned abstained.

Administrative/Announcements

Received letter from NH Division of Forests concerning the spread of Oak Wilt Fungus. It is presently in New York state. Importing any oak wood products from New York could introduce the fungus in New Hampshire.

Financial – John reported that a little over \$3250 is left in the annual budget. Two professional fee bills, one from the town attorney and one from surveyor Paul King, are expected soon. Ned moved to authorize payment for these bills totaling up to \$2000. Eric seconded. Motion carried.

Board of Selectmen – Steve Gray discussed the Selectmen's stance on reserve or contingency funds in annual budgets (such as professional fees, as recorded above). In general, the Selectmen support town agencies continuing to budget for what they might need, even if the funds were not expended during the previous year. He also stated that budget meetings with each agency would be soon, TCC is scheduled for some time around December 20. Nelson will check with Darlene to get the exact time.

Planning Board – Eric announced that there will be a public hearing at 6 pm on January 9 concerning a proposal for the town to take over the community septic system that serves 28 buildings in the village. Discussed pros and cons of the proposal. The Planning Board appears to be supportive of it.

Land Conservation

Alt Lot 414/58 – The Selectmen have approved the easement, The attorney for the Alts will take care of recording it at the Carroll County Registry of Deeds. A baseline documentation report needs to be drawn up.

Payne Lot 411/34 – Nelson and Grace Payne have flagged up what she would like to keep out of the easement. She will be gone for the winter so no more action until spring.

Public Education and Outreach

Summer Camp Committee – Tin Mountain has agreed to do a third week in addition to their Tamworth summer camp. It will involve exploring different areas of Tamworth. Still a number of details to work out. The deadline for filing a Tamworth Foundation grant application is March 1.

Easement Monitoring – Inspection reports are mostly in. The two outstanding reports should be completed in the next week or so.

Other Business

Nelson reminded all that recommendations to the Selectmen for new commission appointees is due next month. Please let Nelson know if you are an alternate seeking full commissioner status or if you know of any potential candidates for the commission.

Kit announced that, due to a schedule conflict, he will not be accepting a new term as the Tamworth representative on the Green Mountain Conservation Group board. Contact GMCG if you are interested in being on the board.

Adjourn – There being no other business brought before the Commission, Batch moved, Eric seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:56 pm.

Submitted by Chris Conrod, TCC Administrative Assistant.