

**Tamworth Conservation Commission**  
Draft Minutes – February 11, 2019  
*Draft minutes to be reviewed and approved at a subsequent meeting*

**Call to Order** – Nelson O'Bryan called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm. Commissioners present were Nelson O'Bryan, Stephanie Doyle, William Batchelder and Chele Miller. Commissioners absent: Charlie Townsend and John Watkins. Alternates present: Dexter Harding and Kit Morgan. Nelson assigned Dexter and Kit to fill two of the vacant seats.

Also present: Steve Gray, Selectman.

**Approval of Minutes for 01/14/2019** – Batch moved to accept minutes with the correction that the Alt Brothers' attorney “has registered”, not “will register” the easement at CCRD. (Land Conservation Section). Dexter seconded, motion carried.

**Administrative/Announcements**

Sue Morse will be presenting her “Living with Bears” program at the Brett School on Friday, February 15, 7 pm. She will be holding interpretive walks on Saturday.

The Selectmen have approved appointments for new TCC terms. Chele, Stephanie, Dexter and Eric need to be sworn in by the Town Clerk.

**Financial** – Nelson reported that \$8073 in 2018 Land Use Change Tax funds have been added to the Conservation Fund. The end of year balance for the Fund was \$85,290. Town employees will be receiving a 2% cost of living adjustment for 2019 (that's assuming the proposed budget is passed at the annual Town Meeting in March).

**Selectmen** – Steve Gray reported that the 2019 town budget and warrant is ready for town meeting (he added “fingers crossed”). He gave a heads-up that TCC would probably be hearing from the Planning Board regarding the master plan revision. The Planning Board is requesting town agencies to report on what progress has been made on the recommendations in the previous iteration of the master plan.

**Land Conservation** – The Community School land purchase is awaiting surveying work. There has been no recent reports from Paul King, who was contracted to survey the property.

**Public Education and Outreach**

Summer Camp Committee – The Tin Mountain Tamworth Explorers program, age range 11 to 13, will cost \$255/camper and registration is open. Grants to be written: New Hampshire Charitable Trust, \$1000 for transportation costs; Tamworth Foundation and private donations, \$1400 to be split between Tamworth campers. Dexter made up a flyer. Chele will advertise on Tamworth Exchange and Administrative Assistant will post on the TCC website.

**Wetlands/Shorelands** – PFAS is now required by the state to be monitored at the capped landfill. One well has tested positive, which will require more testing. The tests are expensive and were not in the budget. The Administrative Assistant will check with the Loon Preservation Committee to see where they get their samples tested. There should be some public education about water contamination. Kit recommended the documentary, “The Devil We Know”, as a possibility. He will look into it.

**Other Business**

Green Mountain Conservation Group will have its annual meeting on March second. Ben Kilham will be doing a presentation. Public is invited. Details at gmccg.org

Stephanie is getting ready to schedule some 2019 mushroom walks. She will have some dates soon.

**Adjourn** – There being no other business brought before the Commission, Batch moved, Stephanie seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:51 pm.

*Submitted by Chris Conrod, TCC Administrative Assistant.*