

Tamworth Conservation Commission
Draft Minutes – November 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 7:04 pm. Commissioners present were Nelson O'Bryan, Chele Miller, Dexter Harding and Charlie Townsend. Commissioners absent: John Watkins, William Batchelder and Stephanie Doyle. Alternates present: Lucy Gatchell. Nelson assigned Lucy to fill one vacant seat.

Approval of Minutes for 10/14/2019 – Dexter moved to accept minutes as written. Charlie seconded, motion carried.

Administrative/Announcements –

Received latest newsletter from Green Mountain Conservation Group, which contains a short report on TCC activities submitted by Stephanie.

Received copy of NH-DES confirmation of complete forestry notification for Tax Map 414, lot 32.

Financial

Charlie reported that the October statement shows no change from what was reported at the last meeting but the New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commissions dues payment of \$275 has been made since the statement came out. That leaves \$2367.45 of the annual budget remaining.

Charlie and Nelson attended the 2020 budget meeting. The budget committee is recommending \$50 less than the TCC proposal.

Land Conservation

Payne – Awaiting final survey plan from Paul King. The Administrative Assistant will begin preparing a baseline document.

Padgett – Kathi Padgett's ex has some questions concerning conservation easements. Nelson called him and talked briefly. Mr. ex said he will call back. Still waiting.

Public Education and Outreach

SPARCnet – The fall salamander censuses have been completed. Chris Conrod will submit the 2019 data to the SPARCnet coordinator.

Summer Camp Programs – Lucy hasn't gotten back to Heather Feddern yet. She will soon.

Signs and Maps – In response to Lucy's suggestion at the previous meeting, Nelson suggested developing maps based on GPS, including exact mileages and artfully done, to be displayed at a trailhead for each trail system. He will get back with a more detailed proposal.

Bearcamp Trackers – Chele asked the commissioners for input on where the trackers might do excursions this winter. A couple of suggestions were made. Chele will talk with the landowners.

Easement Monitoring – Inspection reports are coming in. Chele is sending out reminders to those who haven't submitted reports yet.

Wetlands

Swift River Work on Riverbank – NH-DES inspected the work in October and informed the landowner that what was done looked stable and that an after-the-fact application should be submitted to the state. However, later in October the retaining structure failed and slid into the river. In a letter from NH-DES to the landowner and dated November 1, they required that by

November 5 a professional engineer be retained and by November 12 an erosion control system be installed. Reports of status must be made monthly and after any precipitation event of a half inch or more of rain. A full remediation plan must be submitted by January.

PFAS Informational Workshop – Sponsored by Green Mountain Conservation Group, to be held at Runnells Hall in Chocorua, November 21, 6-8 pm. Ned Beecher will go and report to TCC but anyone interested is encouraged to attend.

Managed Lands and Trails

Tree clearing at Fire Tower – The trees that Tamworth Wireless would like to have removed to improve service have been marked. We are currently waiting for Bob Hardy of NH Division of Forests and Lands to inspect the proposed tree clearing.

Membership – Nelson reported that John Watkins will not be seeking another term next year. Kit Morgan is willing to step up from alternate to full commissioner. That will give TCC a full board (7) and three alternates. Nelson would like to see a couple more alternates to make it easier to spread the chores around.

Adjourn – There being no other business brought before the Commission, Dexter moved, Charlie seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:43 pm.

Submitted by Chris Conrod, TCC Administrative Assistant.