

Tamworth Conservation Commission
Draft Minutes – March 8, 2021
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 via Zoom. Commissioners on line were Nelson O'Bryan, Kit Morgan, Chele Miller, Stephanie Doyle, Jeremy Phillips, Anneliese Smith and Charlie Townsend. Commissioners absent: none. Alternates on line: William Batchelder, Lucy Gatchell, Eric Dube and Ned Beecher.

Also on line: Melanie Streeter, Board of Selectmen; Dylan Alden;.

Approval of Minutes for 2/8/2021 – Chele moved to accept the minutes as written. Kit seconded, motion carried.

Administrative and Announcements

Election of Officers – Anneliese moved to elect the following slate of officers:

Chair: Nelson O'Bryan, Vice-Chair: Kit Morgan, Treasurer: Charlie Townsend, Secretary: Stephanie Doyle.

Stephanie seconded, motion carried.

Committee/Task Assignments – Nelson reported that he is reviewing the list of committees and he might do some revising of it. He asked for the new commissioners' preferences for committee assignments. Jeremy and Anneliese both offered to serve wherever needed; Anneliese pointed out that her interests and background were best suited for trails, education and outreach.

Handbooks – New commissioners need handbooks. The Administrative Assistant has posted the beginnings of an online handbook on the TCC website and suggested that an online handbook would be the best method to ensure that all commissioners have access to an up-to-date handbook. Upon discussion, the consensus of the commissioners is to switch to an online handbook.

TCC Membership – All commissioners who have been appointed to new terms have been sworn in.

Financial – Charlie reported that TCC has expended \$416 to date. The expenses were for Hikin' Heron patches and one trail sign. Nelson will check to see if there is a current statement for the Conservation Fund balance.

Selectboard – Melanie reported that the town elections will be held on May 11. The Recreation Committee will deliver its report at the Thursday (March 11) Selectboard meeting.

Conservation Easements/Land Protection

Chocorua Park LLC Easement – There are no new developments for this proposal.

Alt/SPNHF – The Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests has submitted a proposed easement revision to the NH Attorney General's Office. Presumably this will merge Chris Alt's easements, to be held by SPNHF.

Public Education & Outreach

Summer Camp Sponsorships – Lucy has talked with Donna Ulitz. Donna will be investigating summer program opportunities offered by Tin Mountain and others; she will report back to Lucy.

Hikin' Heron Patches – Stephanie will be picking up the new patches on Thursday.

Wetlands and Shorelands – The Planning Board will be studying the possibility of proposing a groundwater protection ordinance. Sheldon Perry has suggested that a committee be formed that includes representation of the TCC. During discussion, questions were raised regarding the probability that the town would accept the ordinance. It was agreed that the selectboard should be informed and asked for any input they might have. Nelson will pass this on to Sheldon.

Managed Lands and Trails – It's been windy. Nelson would appreciate trail condition reports.

Other Business – The Admin Assistant reminded all that SPARCnet would be busy next month.

Adjourn – There being no other business brought before the Commission, Chele moved, Jeremy seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:39 pm.

Submitted by Chris Conrod, TCC Administrative Assistant.