

Tamworth Conservation Commission

Draft Minutes – August 8, 2016

Draft minutes to be reviewed and approved at a subsequent meeting

Call to Order – Nelson O'Bryan called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm. Commissioners present were Nelson O'Bryan, Chele Miller, Rich Gerard, Ned Beecher and William Batchelder. Commissioners absent: Stephanie Doyle and Bob Seston. Alternates present: Eric Dube. Nelson designated Eric to sit in one of the empty seats.

Also present: Steve Gray, Selectman.

Approval of Minutes for 06/13/2016 – Moved by Batch to accept the minutes as written. Chele seconded, motion carried, Eric abstained.

Administrative

Announcements: Received copy of letter from NH-DRED, Division of Forests and Lands, to Harold Cook, approving a variance to remove more than 50% of the basal area along Depot Road. The letter did not identify the specific lot or lots.

Household Hazardous Waste Day: Nelson reported seeing a big crowd at the Moultonborough station. Sue Stowbridge, HHWD coordinator, did an excellent job of promoting the event.

Treasurer's Report/Financial – The latest statement shows that, to date, \$2182 have been expended from the 2016 TCC budget. The Conservation Fund contains \$66,869.

Planning Board – Eric reported that there were no applications to review at the June meeting. They continue to work on the Scenic Roads Ordinance revision. They are updating application fees due to increased costs of posting public notices. They are or will be requesting funds for performing a build-out analysis.

Conservation Easements

Albee-Moscato Properties – A site visit is scheduled for August 25. A revised plan is being drawn up. The proposed building lot on the east end, intended to remain in Albee's possession, will reportedly have some frontage on the Bearcamp River. Don Berry has contacted or will contact Albee with concerns about having some type of protection along the riverbank.

Public Education and Outreach

Tree Cookie – The display has been moved to the Chocorua Library. The Cook Library would be happy to host it again later in the summer or fall. It would be nice to have it displayed at the Brett School. The School will be contacted to see if they are interested.

Photo Contest – Not too many submissions for the summer photo contest have been received. Nelson will do some more publicizing.

250th Hikin' Herons – New Hikin' Heron forms continue to come in. A number of other people are known to be working on completing the challenge.

Student Scholarship: The check to Tin Mountain has been cut. It is assumed that the scholarship recipients are attending the camps.

Co-sponsor with WODC: The Sue Morse presentation, The Cougar Returns to the East, is scheduled for November 18. Unless Sue receives a grant, cost to TCC will be something over \$300, some of which might be covered by passing the hat at the presentation. There is general agreement that it would be nice to have scholarships for the 11/19 tracking workshop(s) available to any interested students.

Selectmen – Steve Gray reported that he heard a nice poem at a recent Cook Library gathering.

Easement Monitoring – Chele handed out the current list of easement monitoring assignments and procedural guidelines for review. A significant change from previous years is that all record copies of inspection forms will go directly to the Administrative Assistant for processing. The forms can be submitted as either paper copies (deposit in the TCC in-box) or digital copies (email to tcc-admin@tamworthconservationcommission.org). For digital copies, PDF format is preferred but any of the popular text formats are acceptable. For those easements that have second-party forms (SPNHF, NH-OEP), monitors have the option of either submitting those forms themselves or asking the Administrative Assistant to do it.

Managed Lands and Trails

Mowing – Nelson will clear a few saplings on the Bearcamp River field and then inspect that field and the Waterfowl Haven field to see if mowing is needed this year.

Fire Tower – Eric reported a loose bolt or bolts on the second set of steps on the fire tower. Nelson will see about repairing it.

Adjourn – There being no other business brought before the Commission, Batch moved, Eric seconded, meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Submitted by Chris Conrod, TCC Administrative Assistant.