

## **Tamworth Conservation Commission**

Draft Minutes – January 12, 2015

*Draft minutes to be reviewed and approved at a subsequent meeting*

**Call to Order** – Nelson O'Bryan called meeting to order at 7:03 pm. Commissioners present were Nelson O'Bryan, William Batchelder, Chele Miller, Shannon Maes, Rich Gerard, Ned Beecher and Bob Seston. Alternates present: John Watkins and Eric Dube. Nelson appointed John to sit in Shannon's seat until she arrived at approximately 7:15.

Also present: Jim Hidden, Selectman; Annie Riecken; Chico Riecken (*Canis lupus familiaris*); Evan Henderson; and Sam Martin.

**Approval of Minutes for 12/08/2014** – John moved to accept the minutes with the correction that, under Other Business, the citizen who contacted Chele was asking about the tree cutting PSNH did along Chinook Trail in Hemenway State Forest; Bob Hardy had given a public presentation about the White Lake timber harvest at a TCC meeting in 2013. Chele seconded. Motion carried.

**Annie Riecken – house remodeling** – Annie is remodeling a house she recently purchased on Mill Street along the Bearcamp River. She would like to know what land use/conservation regulations she needs to address. The Commission discussed the NH shoreland protection that are applicable to that section of the Bearcamp and the Tamworth Floodplain Ordinance.

**Treasurer's Report/Financial** – Bob reported that the total TCC expenditure for 2014 was \$5642.80; \$542.20 remained unspent. The total amount of the Conservation Fund is approximately \$66,590.

**Selectmen's Report** – Jim Hidden announced that the town meeting warrant article hearing is scheduled for 6 pm, February 12.

### **Conservation Lands Review Committee**

**Land Protection Celebration** – Final plans were worked out for the celebration scheduled for January 17, 2015. Wildlife field walks will begin at 1 pm, indoor festivities begin at 3:30 with formal presentation at 4:00. Ned has sent out a news release. Task assignments were made. Chele pointed out that the SPNHF Forest Notes magazine had a nice write-up on the Reich lot.

**Baseline Documentation Reports** – BLDs have been completed and signed for Gilman West, Western Field and Beaver Brook. The only one left to complete is the Bearcamp Valley Farm south lots.

### **Public Education and Outreach**

**Co-sponsored Event with Cook Library** – Scheduled for Wednesday, January 14. Katie Callahan and Amanda Stone will give a presentation on the NH Fish and Game update of the Wildlife Action Plan.

**250<sup>th</sup> Town Anniversary** – Nelson reminded everyone that TCC needs to come up with plans for the celebration. He would like to have a tentative plan by June. Discussed photo contest, photos “then and now”, Hikin' Heron treasure hunt. Agreed that John Mersfelder should write a history of the TCC that covers the period after Betty Steele's history.

**Easement Monitoring** – Chele discussed the possibility of having e-copies of completed easement inspection reports. Ned said he was looking into a new web host that would have space on the cloud for documents. He will investigate further.

### **Other Business**

Nelson will forward via email an announcement for an Emerald Ash Borer workshop scheduled for January 30.

**Adjourn** – There being no other business brought before the Commission, Batch moved, Ned seconded, motion carried 8:18 pm.

*Submitted by Chris Conrod, TCC Administrative Assistant.*