

## **Tamworth Conservation Commission**

Draft Minutes – April 13, 2015

*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, William Batchelder, Chele Miller, Rich Gerard and Shannon Maes. Commissioners absent: Bob Seston and Ned Beecher. Alternates present: Eric Dube. Nelson asked Eric to fill one of the empty seats.

Also present: Sam Martin.

**Approval of Minutes for 03/09/2015** – Batch moved to accept the minutes with the corrected spelling of “report” under Managed Lands. Shannon seconded, motion carried.

**Announcements** – One NH-DES Complete Forestry Notification.

**Treasurer's Report/Financial** – Nelson reported that the total spent to date is \$204.88 for the land protection celebration. Request to reimburse Ned for web hosting expenses of \$106.88. Batch moved, Eric seconded, motion carried. Request to reimburse Chele and John Watkins \$60.00 each for Saving Special Places registration fee. Eric moved, Rich seconded, motion carried.

**Planning Board** – Congratulations to Eric for being elected to the Planning Board. Eric announced that he was appointed by the Planning Board to be the PB representative to the TCC. At the last PB meeting, a one lot subdivision was approved for Hank Letarte on Pine Hill Road.

**Conservation Easements** – Chele reported that a 57 acre piece of Ainsworth property in Wonalancet has been purchased by LRCT. This property includes much of the WODC Gordon Path. Nelson reported that there has not been any further news concerning the planned sale of the Eastern Field to LRCT.

### **Public Education and Outreach**

Chele reported on the workshops she attended at Saving Special Places. She suggested that the featured speaker, Cameron Wake, would be worth inviting to do a presentation in Tamworth.

250<sup>th</sup> Celebration Ideas: Rich suggested something on Wendell Folkins, a well-known fly tier, famous for the gray ghost and the streamer fly. Chele suggested a “cookie” from a large pine.

Conservation Camp Sponsorship: Chele has passed the opportunity on to the Brett School.

TCC Bird Walks: Ned's Wednesday morning bird walks will start April 22 and run through May 27.

**Easement Monitoring** – Chele says it's never too early to start your monitoring.

### **Managed Lands and Trails**

Nelson needs to check with the State about moving the Betty Steele Loop Trail where a large pine fell lengthwise down the trail.

There will be a trail work day next month. Nelson will advertise it when he chooses a date. People can also go out on their own or in smaller groups. Let Nelson know when you do any trail work.

Rich will oversee the fire tower view clearing. He will coordinate with Bob Hardy in the next month or so; as soon as when Bob has the time.

**Adjourn** – There being no other business brought before the Commission, Batch moved, Eric seconded, meeting adjourned at 7:57 pm.

*Submitted by Chris Conrod, TCC Administrative Assistant.*