

Tamworth Conservation Commission

Draft Minutes – May 11, 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, Shannon Maes, Bob Seston and Ned Beecher. Alternates present: John Watkins. Eric Dube arrived about half way through the meeting.

Also present: Sam Martin.

Approval of Minutes for 04/13/2015 – Batch moved to accept, even though he thought the last sentence in the Managed Lands and Trails section was awkward (that ain't nothing; he should see the Admin Asst. try to dance). Chele seconded, motion carried.

Announcements

Received three NH-DES forestry wetland notifications and a copy of a Town of Tamworth NH-DES wetlands application for Stony Brook bridge repair on Whittier Road.

John Watkins announced that NH-DES concluded that there was no violation of the Shoreland Water Quality Protection Act during the recent view maintenance cut on Chocorua Lake. John will provide a copy of the report.

GMCG is sponsoring a septic system workshop at Runnells Hall May 12, 6 pm.

Treasurer's Report/Financial – There was no monthly statement available at the time of the meeting. Bob reported that he delivered the requests for reimbursement approved at the April meeting to the Town Administrator. He will check on the status of these payments if the checks are not received in the next week.

Conservation Easements

Bearcamp Valley Farm – Eastern Field: Ned reported that the purchase and sale agreement is ready to be signed by Bob Floyd. Closing with LRCT is scheduled to occur on or before September 2.

Wonalancet: Chele reported that Peggy Johnson's wood lot was purchased by a young couple from Boston. They are interested in agriculture.

Public Education and Outreach

250th Celebration Ideas: Suggestions from Chris Clyne include a Hikin' Heron membership drive to get 250 Hikin' Herons by the anniversary. Perhaps Parker Roberts could help through the Recreation programs. Also a new trail; possibly an interpretive trail through the pine grove on the old meeting house lot.

Conservation Camp Sponsorship: Chele has not heard back from Brett School; she will post an invitation on the Tamworth Exchange.

TCC Bird Walks: Ned's Wednesday morning bird walks run through May 27. Ned will also be doing a presentation on biosolids at the Cook Library on May 20, 7 pm.

And, more properly discussed in the Managed Lands & Trails section, but I just follow the conversation: Batch has or will have maps and brochures ready for trail boxes. Easy Walker Trail at Big Pines needs brushing and marking.

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

Managed Lands and Trails

There will be a trail maintenance day on Saturday, May 30. Scheduled work includes a short reroute around a large blowdown on the Betty Steel Loop. Bob Hardy needs to look first. Rich will coordinate that. Other needed trail work includes trail brushing and field mowing at Waterfowl Haven. Ned removed two blowdowns on the Black Spruce trails; they are in good condition. People can also go out on their own or in smaller groups. Let Nelson know when you do any trail work.

Fire Tower maintenance scheduled for this year includes exterior painting. Thad and Amy Berrier did this type of work last time. Nelson will check with them to see if they are interested. Otherwise, the job could be advertised on the Tamworth Exchange. Presumably Bob Hardy will approve the view clearing when he checks the Betty Steel Loop mentioned above.

The Page Hill trail needs water bar cleaning in addition to view clearing. Neely Lanou knows the owners and perhaps she could be the go-between. John Watkins will ask her.

Adjourn – There being no other business brought before the Commission, Batch moved, Ned seconded, meeting adjourned at 8:03 pm.

Submitted by Chris Conrod, TCC Administrative Assistant.