

Tamworth Conservation Commission

Draft Minutes – April 14, 2014

Draft minutes to be reviewed and approved at a subsequent meeting

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

Also present: Becca Boyden, Planning Board; and Sam Martin.

Approval of Minutes for 04/14/2014 – Batch moved to accept as written. Chele seconded, motion carried.

Administrative –

Announcements – Received invitation to Lakes Region Planning Commission annual meeting, June 16. Nelson announced that starting in June, all Town board meetings will be held at the Town House on a trial basis.

Next Meeting – Because of scheduling conflicts, it was agreed to hold the June TCC meeting on the third Monday of the month, June 16, 7:00 pm, at the Town House. Nelson will check to be sure the Town House is available at that time.

Treasurer's Report/Financial – Bob reported that he has not received a monthly statement from the Town Office but all expenditures approved at the April meeting have been submitted for payment. Batch submitted a bill for \$223 for printing new trail brochures, which was approved at the April meeting. Bob will submit the bill for payment.

Representative Reports

Planning Board – Becca Boyden reported that the Hollow Hill Road electric line extension project is ongoing. NH-PSC and affected landowners are negotiating a plan acceptable to all. The application for a boundary line adjustment at the former Chocorua Valley Lumber property has been approved.

Conservation Lands Review Committee

Bearcamp Valley Farm – Final payment for the easement will be made to the landowner in June. The landowner and Lakes Region Conservation Trust are planning to transfer fee-simple ownership of Eastern Field to LRCT.

Gilman West – Reich Fundraising – All funds collected by TCC have been transferred to SPNHF. They have a little over \$11,000 left to raise.

Alt Easement Consolidation – Christopher and Edward Alt have submitted the proposal to consolidate numerous conservation easements to SPNHF, after receiving TCC support for the project. SPNHF has produced a list of questions for the Alts and one question for TCC; specifically: Does TCC follow Land Trust Alliance guidelines? Nelson informed them that TCC voted in 2007 to follow LTA guidelines. It is not known if the Alts have yet replied to SPNHF's questions.

CLRC Plans – Now that the site-specific land conservation projects are just about wrapped up, CLRC will be reviewing Master Plan and TCC goals to assess what, if any, future land conservation projects, either general or specific, would be worth TCC involvement, and at what level that involvement should be.

Public Education and Outreach

Family Day Participation – Chele reported that last year she and Shannon had discussed a water themed “float” for the next Family Day parade. Eric and/or Nelson will ask Shannon if she will be available to spearhead getting some sort of parade presentation set up.

Easement Monitoring – Chele has been reviewing and sorting out the easement monitor status to be sure all the easements are covered. There are a number of monitor folders that need materials added. The Administrative Assistant has been assigned this task.

Managed Lands and Trails – Nelson has scheduled a trail a maintenance work day for May 31. Meet at Big Pines (113A) at 9 am. Late comers will be welcome and light trail clearing can be done by individuals at any time. Contact Nelson if you want to help.

Other Business – Becca announced that the Planning Board will (did) have a work session meeting on Wednesday, May 14, to review the Master Plan and Scenic Road regulations.

Adjourn – There being no other business brought before the Commission, Batch moved, Chele seconded, motion carried 7:52 pm.

Submitted by Chris Conrod, TCC Administrative Assistant.