

Tamworth Conservation Commission

Draft Minutes – October 14, 2013

Draft minutes to be reviewed and approved at a subsequent meeting

Call to Order – Ned (co-Chair) called meeting to order at 7:04 pm. Commissioners present were Ned Beecher, Rich Gerard, Bob Seston, and William Batchelder. Absent commissioners: Nelson O'Bryan and Chele Miller. Alternates present were Eric Dube, Shannon Maes and Charlie Townsend. Ned appointed Eric, Shannon and Charlie to sit in the vacant commissioner's chairs.

Also present: Steve Gray, Selectman; Susan Stowbridge, HHWCD Coordinator; Mark Lane; and Sam Martin. Nelson O'Bryan arrived at 7:43 during the HHWCD discussion; he chose to remain in the “public” seating area.

Approval of Minutes for 09/09/13 – Batch moved to accept as written. Eric seconded, motion carried.

Administrative – Announcements: Received copy of NH-DES Wetlands inspection on Ambrose pit on Pine Hill Road; no further action by DES, none required by TCC. Received copy of letter from NH-DES to Paul King requesting further information for subdivision application on White Mountain Highway.

Treasurer's Report – Bob reported that TCC has spent approximately 35% of its budget to date. Received invoice from GMCG for \$900 to cover TCC's pledge toward expenses in water quality monitoring. Bob moved to authorize payment, Charlie seconded, motion carried. Bob asked if there were any expenses accrued that had not been reported to him. None noted. Bob questioned whether the LUCT funds due TCC had been deposited in the Conservation Fund; there does not appear to be a record of it on the statement. Bob will check on this with Cassandra. The current balance of the Conservation Fund is \$70,231.22.

Representative Reports

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day – Susan reported that fewer households participated this year but more waste was collected. Fifty-six households in Tamworth brought hazardous waste to collection sites in Moultonborough, Ossipee and Meredith. Extensive discussion ensued concerning how to increase participation. Steve Gray reported that the Selectmen will be discussing future town involvement in this program. He and Susan agreed that, based on the research Glenn Johnson has done, this is the most cost effective way of the town dealing with hazardous waste. Shannon suggested that public awareness could be increased through presentations. The public has a lot of questions concerning what constitutes hazardous waste and where and how various types need to be disposed. The presentation could also include an explanation of how the transfer station operates. General agreement that this would be a worthy project. Ned brought the commissions attention to the Product Stewardship Institute, which promotes a manufacturer-oriented solution, with the cost of disposal incorporated into the price of the item.

Selectmen – Steve Gray stated that his main concern for this meeting had been addressed in the discussion with Susan and thanked her for helping him decipher LRPC's report on the Hazardous Waste Collection Day.

Planning Board – Becca Boyden could not make the meeting but she submitted the following report:

At its September meeting the PB held a public hearing for a Boundary Line Adjustment for William and Brenda McKay – Lundberg Rev. Trust; Location of Proposal: 252/254 Gilman Valley Road; Map 208 Lot 21.3 & Map 208 Lot 21.

At a October 9 work session the PB adopted revised Subdivision Regulations, Applications, and Planning Board Rules of Administrative Procedure.

Conservation Lands Review Committee

Reich – The survey map revisions have reportedly been completed. TCC is still waiting to receive a copy.

Gilman West – The P&S agreement between SPNHF and the landowners has been signed.

Public Education and Outreach – Mary Holland's "Naturally Curious" presentation will be at the Brett school on October 19th.

Easement Monitoring – Rich passed out a list of easements with the names of people who have agreed to do the annual monitoring. Attorney Doug Hill of Meredith has been retained by Chris and Edward Alt to (1) explore the possibility of SPNHF easements being transferred to TCC and (2) consolidate the numerous easements. That work is in progress.

Managed Lands – The wasps have been eradicated from the fire tower. No hazardous materials were used.

Budget – The Commission developed a proposed 2014 budget. Discussion during deliberation included upkeep responsibility of the fire tower considering that Tamworth Wireless and the fire department have communication facilities mounted on it. Bob and Eric will research what, if any, agreements were made when the town authorized Tamworth Wireless to use the tower. Brochure printing will need to be done after the town-wide trails map is revised. Time frame and costs are unknown so this might have to be put off until a solid plan is made. The NHACC is a significant portion of the dues, subs and meetings line. The annual meeting is in November. Nelson will take care of registrations; people planning to attend should let him know by Friday, October 18th.

The following budget was developed:

Clerical	2392
Fica	148
Medicare	35
Water Quality Monitoring	900
Easement Monitoring	100
Website Expenses	160
Maintenance/Trails	100
Printing/Maps & Fliers	200
Dues, Subs and Meetings	350
Office Supplies	50
Signs and Boxes	100
Professional Fees	1300
Tower Expenses	300
Total:	6185

This is a reduction of \$25 from this year's budget. Charlie moved to present this budget to the Selectmen for review. Shannon seconded. Motion carried.

Adjourn – There being no other business brought before the Commission, Batch moved, Eric seconded, motion carried 9:41 pm.

Submitted by Chris Conrod, TCC Administrative Assistant.