

Tamworth Conservation Commission

Draft Minutes – January 9, 2012

Draft minutes to be reviewed and approved at a subsequent meeting

Call to Order – Ned called meeting to order at 7:06 pm. Commissioners present were Ned Beecher, Nelson O'Bryan, William Batchelder, Rich Gerard, Chele Miller and Margaret Rieser. Bob Seston was absent at the beginning of the meeting (he arrived around 8 pm). Ned appointed alternate Charlie Townsend to sit in for Bob.

Also present were Skip Nason (Planning Board) and John Roberts (Selectman).

Approval of Minutes for 12/12/2011 – Nelson moved. Chele seconded. Motion carried.

Wetlands Conservation Ordinance Application

Special Use Permit, Map 422, Lots 17 and 8 – Stone Bridge, end of Mountain Road, South Tamworth. Scott Tatarczuk (agent for landowner) and Cindy Balcius (wetland scientist) were present to represent the applicant. Ned, Batch and Chele did a site inspection on Friday, Dec. 30, 2011. Flooding from Tropical Storm Irene has eroded 800 square feet of bank on Pollard Brook downstream of stone bridge built in 1938. The proposal is to stabilize the bank and create an overflow path around the bridge using a culvert underneath Mountain Road, which would affect another 540 square feet of bank. The overflow could manage any flow above a 25 to 50-year event. All state and federal permits have been issued. Ned noted that a waiver for work within a buffer area is not needed, as Pollard Brook is a waterbody, not a wetland, as defined by the Ordinance. The Special Use permit is being applied for under E.(c) of the Ordinance. The Commission reviewed the seven intents (Section A) and determined that the proposed work would meet the intents. Nelson moved that, assuming the Planning Board accepts the application in its current form as complete, the TCC forward to the Planning Board a recommendation to approve the Special Use Permit. Chele seconded. Motion carried.

Administrative

Treasurer's Report – Margaret reported the final 2011 budget numbers. Out of \$6210 budgeted, \$5256 were expended.

Town Meeting Prep – Nelson has submitted a draft annual report for review by TCC. He has received suggestions for changes. Overall his work was commended as very thorough and articulate. He will submit a revised draft for publication in the Town Annual Report.

Announcements – NH-F&G has sent a signed copy of trail maintenance agreement with supporting historical documentation concerning the Hackett Hill WMA portion of the Bearcamp River Trail. Plan field trip to finalize trail maintenance needs this spring after the current winter timber harvest.

Household Hazardous Waste Day – a coordinator is needed; this requires a few Thursday evening meetings in Meredith and ensuring volunteers are enlisted for the first Saturday in August, as well as publicizing the event in Tamworth.

Wetlands and Sub-surface Committee: Wetlands Matters

Utility Maintenance Notification – PSNH power line over Swift River between Route 113 and Tamworth Camping Area. Flooding and erosion from Tropical Storm Irene resulted in a pole ending up in the water (still standing). Dom Bergen, David Little and Ned did site visit with PSNH officials. It was determined that the situation was an existing nonconforming use under Section G of the Wetlands Conservation Ordinance; repair and maintenance is allowed without applying for any permits. PSNH intends to relocate the poles out of the jurisdictional area, laying wooden matting to cross a wetland area between the Tamworth Camping area driveway and the two poles on the east side of the river that are being replaced. John Roberts noted that he thinks the work has already been completed.

Committee/Coordinator Reports

Selectmen – John Roberts reported the Select Board is forming a Class VI road committee to identify/inventory all Class VI roads in Tamworth and recommend road specifications for any new proposed development along these roads. He figures the process will take about a year.

Planning Board – Skip Nason reported that the PB was notified by the State Office of Energy and Planning that there was a need to bring the Tamworth Floodplain Ordinance up to date to comply with current standards. The Ordinance was adopted in 1991 and amended in 2007. Revisions are being worked on; they are mainly minor housekeeping items, such as definitions. The Commission reviewed the proposed changes and agreed that they seem appropriate and necessary. Ned noted that new, updated draft Floodplain Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM) have been created for Carroll County and the Planning Board has received copies of these.

Conservation Lands Review Committee

1. **Osgood Road Parcel (414/32)** – Ned reported that the real estate agent representing the landowner contacted him, informed him that the lot would be going on the market, and stated that the landowner wanted to know if the Town would be interested in the property. A quick assessment of the property indicated that it had some conservation value. Ned responded to the realtor that the town might be interested and he offered to talk with the landowner concerning the options available for protecting the property.
2. **Bearcamp Valley Farm** – Ned is trying to coordinate a time with Bob Floyd to sit down and talk about options for protection of the Farm's additional property along Route 25. He hopes this can be accomplished soon.
3. **Beaver Brook Lot Conservation Easement** – The easement has been drafted; it's a matter of getting it reviewed and signed by The Community School. It's on Ned's to-do list.

Easement Monitoring – Margaret has submitted the paperwork for the Cave easement. Chris has done the monitoring on the Alt easements he covers; paperwork is in progress. Rich said he plans to set aside some time to review the list in entirety to make sure everything is being covered.

Other Business – none

Adjourn – Chele moved, Batch seconded, motion carried; 8:31 pm.

Submitted by Chris Conrod, TCC Administrative Assistant.