

DRAFT MINUTES
Tamworth Conservation Commission
Wetlands and Subsurface Committee
SITE WALK – Chocorua Valley Lumber
May 4, 2012, 1:00 – 3:15 pm

Draft minutes to be reviewed and approved at a subsequent meeting.

Committee members present: Bill Batchelder, Chele Miller, Richard Gerard, Ned Beecher (*ex officio*)
Others present: John Mersfelder (TCC Associate), David Little (Planning Board), Skip Nason (Planning Board), Bob Abraham (Chair, Board of Selectmen), Sam Martin, Greg Howard (landowner/applicant representative, wetlands scientist)

This site walk involved review, on the ground, of the planned wetlands and site restoration of the Chocorua Valley Lumber (CVL) property, as described in wetlands applications to the NH Dept. of Environmental Services (DES) and the Town of Tamworth Planning Board (Special Use Permit application).

Greg Howard led the site walk, describing restoration plans, including existing and proposed permanent wetlands impacts, landscape regrading and revegetation, stream stabilization, and wetlands restorations.

The site walk went over the major impact areas on the property, including, in order:

- The proposed restoration of the wetland just south of the CVL office,
- The “fire pond” west of the CVL office,
- Sanger Brook (at the western end of the property),
- The permanent stream flowing just east of Sanger Brook, from where it exits its original channel in the woods and flows north into disturbed areas,
- The intermittent stream flowing a little further east, from where it exits its original channel in the woods and flows north into disturbed areas,
- The flat central area that once included a northeast-trending wetland and on which the main CVL buildings now stand,
- The east-west linear wetlands that are partially filled at the northern edge of the eastern part of the property,
- The altered permanent stream channel flowing north in the eastern part of the property (the berm of which had recently been restored after having been broken down and badly eroded by Tropical Storm Irene late last summer).

The information discussed on this site walk was consistent with the applications submitted and further details are available in those documents.
