

Tamworth Conservation Commission

Draft Minutes – October 9, 2017

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, Chele Miller, Rich Gerard, John Watkins, Ned Beecher and William Batchelder. Commissioners absent: Stephanie Doyle. Alternates present: Lucy Gatchell and Eric Dube. Nelson appointed Eric to fill the empty seat.

Also present: Steve Gray, Selectman; John Mersfelder.

Approval of Minutes for 09/11/2017 – Moved by Batch to accept the minutes as written. John seconded, motion carried. Eric abstained.

Treasurer's Report/Finamce – John reported that 47% of the 2017 operating budget remains available for expenditure.

2018 TCC Budget – Deliberation of the Commissioners resulted in the following budget for 2018:

Clerical	\$3000.00
FICA	\$185.00
Medicare	\$45.00
Water Quality Monitoring	\$900.00
Easement Monitoring	\$100.00
Website Expenses	\$60.00
Maintenance/Trails	\$500.00
Printing/Maps & Fliers	\$200.00
Dues, Subs, Meetings	\$600.00
Sponsorship	\$700.00
Office Supplies	\$50.00
Postage	\$50.00
Signs & Boxes	\$100.00
Professional Fees	\$1300.00
Tower Expenses	\$100.00
Totals	\$7890.00

Ned moved that the budget be submitted to the Selectmen for review. Eric seconded. Motion carried.

Planning Board – Eric reported that a two lot subdivision was recently approved; Nicole Maher has been appointed as an alternate; potential applicants have discussed applying for a small cluster development at the end of Greg's Way.

Selectmen – Steve Gray reported that a meeting is scheduled for 10:00 am October 11 to discuss installing a flow meter on the village septic system. At present, the Route 113 bridge work is scheduled for next year and the plan is to do it with the least impact to school access.

Land Conservation – General discussion of the conservation value of various lots currently on the market. The planned clearing on the top of the Page Hill Trail was discussed and the owners will be informed prior to the work.

Public Education – Rich reported that he received written “thank-yous” from two of the Barry Camp participants. Agreed that the planning and recruiting for next year's conservation scholarships should begin in December.

Easement Monitoring – Five easement reports have been submitted so far. Digital reports should be emailed to the Administrative Assistant (tcc-admin@tamworthconservationcommission.org). Paper reports, if any, can be put in the TCC in-box in the meeting room. The Aspinall easement property has been transferred to the Remick Foundation. Ned will contact them.

Managed Lands and Trails

Waterfowl Haven – Mark Streeter has mowed the field. Ned moved to approve payment of \$300 to Mark for mowing the Waterfowl Haven field. Chele seconded, motion carried.

Other Business –

Irene's Way – There will be another inter-agency meeting concerning the road sometime in November.

Groundwater Protection – Three TCC members will meet with Green Mountain Conservation Group on October 11 to discuss how TCC can help GMCG publicize the NH groundwater regulations.

Hazard Mitigation Meeting – Three TCC members plan on attending the November 14 meeting at the fire Station. If anyone can attend the October 17 meeting, it would be good because high attendance helps meet matching fund requirements.

Emerald Ash Borer – The ash borer has been confirmed in Dover. Please don't transport any ash wood onto or off of your property.

Adjourn – There being no other business brought before the Commission, Batch moved, Rich seconded, meeting adjourned at 8:37 pm.

Submitted by Chris Conrod, TCC Administrative Assistant.