

**Draft MINUTES
Tamworth Conservation Commission
Wetlands and Subsurface Committee
Monday, March 28, 2011
Tamworth Town Offices**

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

Present: Bill Batchelder, Ned Beecher, Bryan Berlind, Chele Miller

The meeting opened at 7:05.

The purpose of the meeting was to determine a course of action for addressing questions about the prime wetlands designations in Tamworth. Discussion included review of the current understanding of the issue around the property of Larry Grace north of the Bearcamp River at the confluence with the Swift River, which includes some wetlands and some pine that the landowner would like to harvest. Ned had talked with a few wetlands scientists and determined the approximate cost for the full wetlands permit that DES would require, because it is prime wetlands, would be about \$3,000. He talked with Barry Keith, who did the original wetlands work for Tamworth, including the prime wetlands evaluations. It was agreed that helping one land owner with a wetland delineation and/or permit application might be a difficult precedent. Instead, it was agreed that we suggest that the Commission evaluate the prime wetlands designations in Town. Ned will invite Barry Keith to the next TCC meeting, so he can educate us on the Tamworth prime wetlands designations and current regular wetlands protections in comparison to prime wetlands protections.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm: Bryan moved, Chele seconded, and all agreed.