

Tamworth Conservation Commission

Draft Minutes – September 12, 2011

Draft minutes to be reviewed and approved at a subsequent meeting

Call to Order – Nelson called meeting to order at 7:06 pm. Commissioners present were Nelson O'Bryan, William Batchelder, Rich Gerard, Chele Miller and Margaret Rieser. Ned Beecher and Bob Seston were absent. Alternate Charlie Townsend sat in for one of the vacant seats.

Also present: John Roberts, Selectman.

Approval of Minutes – 08/08/2011 minutes. Margaret moved to accept minutes, Batch seconded, motion carried.

Administrative

Treasurer's Report –

1. Invoice for Hikin' Heron patches, \$200 to be paid from what budget line? Charlie moved to accept bill and apply it to fliers and postage line item; Margaret seconded, motion carried.
2. 2012 Budget Worksheet needs to be submitted to the Selectmen's office. Chele moved to level fund, no change to any line items; Margaret seconded, motion carried.

Announcements –

1. Capital Improvements Program (CIP) – Annual Public Hearing Sept. 13th (Note: TCC continues to not request any capital fund, same as last year)
2. Ned sent thank you letter to Barry Keith for his consultation services at the August meeting. Barry declined any compensation.
3. Margaret stated that the budget request from the Selectmen includes warrant articles. At this time, there are no warrant articles that the TCC expects to submit..

Easement Monitoring

1. Community School boundary intrusion – TCC needs to submit to State a plan for ensuring compliance with TCC request for removal of infringing materials by Oct. 1 (see July 12 letter from TCC). Hansen has removed some stuff but not all. We have offered assistance. No reply from Hanson so far. Reminder might be in order.
2. Tamworth Wireless tower concern on Alt easement: tower is going to be moved; probably will not be on any Alt property, given other easements on them.
3. It's time for annual monitoring; recommendation to print a Google Maps satellite view of the monitored property and attach it to the report each year or two. Rich will check with Steve Walker about state forms.

Committee/Coordinator Reports

Selectmen – John asked about the town-owned lot on the corner of Hollow Hill and Cleveland Hill Roads. Ned just wrote letter to the Selectmen recommending forest management as a demonstration project in the Tree Farm program. John stated that there was hurricane-caused erosion around one bridge on Gilman Valley Road. The town applied for and received emergency DES approval to repair the damage.

Public Education and Outreach –

1. Hikin' Heron program patch status – six more forms came in. Chele will write form letter of acknowledgment to be sent out with patches. Charlie suggested keeping public

list of completers (town hall or library). Chele suggested having list on the website. She will send names of patch recipients to admin assistant.

(Margaret excused herself from the meeting at 7:54 pm.)

Managed Lands and Trails

Hurricane reports: minimal blowdowns, no significant erosion. Might have to schedule work day in fall.

Other Business – Charlie suggested that TCC submit something to Civic News re Hikin' Herons.

Adjourn – Batch moved; Chele seconded, motion carried 8:02 pm.

Submitted by Chris Conrod, TCC Administrative Assistant.