

Tamworth Conservation Commission

Draft Minutes – February 10, 2020

Draft minutes to be reviewed and approved at a subsequent meeting

Call to Order – Dexter Harding called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. Commissioners present were Stephanie Doyle, William Batchelder, Chele Miller, Dexter Harding and Charlie Townsend. Commissioners absent: John Watkins and Nelson O'Bryan. Alternates present: Lucy Gatchell and Kit Morgan. Dexter assigned Lucy and Kit to fill the vacant seats.

Approval of Minutes for 01/13/2020 – Batch moved to accept minutes as written. Chele seconded, motion carried.

Administrative/Announcements –

Dexter announced that the Selectboard approved TCC's recommendation to appoint Charlie and Kit to new 3-year terms as Commissioners and to appoint Lucy to a new 3-year term as Alternate. These three people should take their oaths before the March TCC meeting.

Received copy of NH-DES Wetlands Permit for Tax Map 410, Lots 87 & 88.

Received copy of NH-DES Forestry Notification for Tax Map 407. Lot 42.

Financial

Charlie reported that the end of year 2019 Conservation Fund balance was \$74,547.16. He also reported that at the Public hearing for the 2020 TCC budget the Advisory Budget Committee made small adjustments in the payroll items, amounting to something like \$14.

Conservation Easements/Land Protection

Bearcamp Valley Farm – There is an interested buyer for the entire package (two lots with easements plus the Floyd house lot). They have questions about the easement. Nelson will meet with them on February 23.

Payne Easement – Paul King has finished the survey. Should be closing soon.

Public Education and Outreach

Summer Camp – Lucy reported that those planning the Brett School summer program will be meeting in the first week of March. Lucy will attend.

Vernal Pools – Stephanie asked if TCC would have a vernal pool outing. It was generally agreed that Lynn Flaccus of Chocorua Lake Conservancy has a vernal pool outing scheduled and one is enough for a small town.

Easement Monitoring – Ready to start all over again.

Wetlands – Green Mountain conservation Group – Kit reported that the Ossipee Aquifer Advisory Committee had its meeting on January 29. He advised them that the Tamworth Planning Board had a Groundwater Protection Ordinance on its to-do list. It would be nice to have something about groundwater protection at the town meeting. GMCG's annual meeting is the second Saturday in March. David Carroll will be the guest speaker.

Managed Lands and Trails – Trail Brochures – Discussed updating. The nature stations should be checked and possibly redone prior to new publication. That could possibly have involvement with the summer camp attendees. A number of commissioners prefer the old Dustin map, although something would need to be done to make it plain which natural area is which. Precise, individual trail descriptions are not needed in the brochure but it would be good to describe general features, including length, difficulty, parking and access info. Hikin' Heron info should be in the brochure. It would still be good to have a signboard with map and or link to an online map for those who can't do anything without a smart phone. Dexter will start working on this, with help from others.

Election of Officers – Batch moved to elect Chair – Nelson Obryan; Vice Chair – Kit Morgan; Treasurer – Charlie Townsend; Secretary – Stephanie Doyle. Chele seconded, motion carried. Nelson will be absent for the March meeting; Kit will Chair the meeting.

Adjourn – There being no other business brought before the Commission, Batch moved, Kit seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:13 pm.

Submitted by Chris Conrod, TCC Administrative Assistant.