

Tamworth Conservation Commission
Draft Minutes – November 9, 2020
Draft minutes to be reviewed and approved at a subsequent meeting

Call to Order – Nelson O'Bryan called the meeting to order at 7:17 pm via Zoom. Commissioners on line were Nelson O'Bryan, Kit Morgan, Chele Miller, Stephanie Doyle and Charlie Townsend. Commissioners absent: William Batchelder. Alternates on line: Lucy Gatchell. Alternates absent: Eric Dube and Ned Beecher. Nelson assigned Lucy to fill a vacant seat.

Also on line: Melanie Streeter, Board of Selectmen; Judy Reardon and Peter Smart, for Chocorua Park LLC; and Lynne Flaccus.

Approval of Minutes for 10/12/2020 – Nelson requested two corrections: Add alternates absent (Ned Beecher) and in the proposed budget add a Cost-of-Living Adjustment if the Selectmen impliment one for other town employees. Chele moved to accept minutes as corrected. Kit seconded, motion carried.

Administrative and Announcements – The Administrative Assistant reported that he had been asked to inventory and review all items in the blue bookcase. The purpose was to address concerns about (1) outdated material and (2) inaccessibility of material that is intended to be available to the public (the bookcase is locked and it is almost never used). The majority of the contents are now at the residence of the Administrative Assistant and they have been reviewed. A report and suggested options will be emailed to the commissioners in the next few days.

Financial – Charlie reported that the latest statement shows \$2560 of the budget remaining unspent. Charlie moved to authorize payment of \$275 for New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commissions annual dues. Stephanie seconded, motion carried.

Board of Selectmen – Melanie announced that the Selectmen are forming a Recreation Committee. Any commissioners who are interested or know of someone who would be interested can contact Karen Anthony at the Selectmen's Office.

Conservation Easements/Land Protection

Chocorua Park LLC Easement – Judy Reardon and Peter Smart explained that they would like to have a permanent protection placed on the park at the Chocorua Dam (Tax Map 218/Lots 7 & 10). The proposed deed has grantor's reserved rights to build infrastructure; an example stated was a small hydropower facility. Peter explained that stream flow and expense would limit any hydroelectric generation to a small facility using the existing penstock. Concerns raised by the commission included lack of limitation on what structural improvements could be made on the site and the lack of any concrete public rights of physical access to the site. Agreed between parties to add a clause giving the grantee the riright of review for any structural improvements and to add a standard easement clause allowing general public access with grantor's rights to prohibit access in certain areas. Nelson moved to provide a revised draft with the new clauses to the grantors and the town attorney for review, and then to present it to the Selectmen if all other parties are satisfied. Charlie seconded, motion carried.

Easement Monitoring – There are still a number of monitoring reports that have yet to be submitted. You know who you are.

Wetlands –

Shannon, Great Hill Road/Swift River – Nothing new since last month.

Bogart Properties, TaxMap/Lot 201/59 & 410/120 – Received copy of wetlands restoration plan by Doiron Environmental LLC submitted to NH-DES for restoring impacted wetlands around the log landing and skidder trail. Nelson has a digital copy for those who wish to review the plan.

Managed Lands and Trails

Hikin Heron Patches – Stephanie reported that the best deal she found for purchasing more patches was New England Embroidery: \$1.98 each for 200 patches. Chele moved to authorize purchasing 200 patches. Stephanie seconded, motion carried.

Page Hill Trail and Ledges – Kit reported that he walked the trail and met with Debra Franchi. The trail is in good shape. There was a campfire ring at the top. The view at the top hasn't changed because the steep slopes were not logged. The Franchis are planning to put in a parking area at the foot of the trail. Hikers will be able to park off the road. Debra said that she was fine with TCC removing trees for improving the view from the top.

Adjourn – There being no other business brought before the Commission, Chele moved, Kit seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Submitted by Chris Conrod, TCC Administrative Assistant.