

## **Tamworth Conservation Commission**

Draft Minutes – September 13, 2021, Tamworth Town Office

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

**Call to Order** – Nelson O'Bryan called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm. Commissioners present were Nelson O'Bryan, Kit Morgan, Chele Miller, Jeremy Phillips, Charlie Townsend and Anneliese Smith. Commissioners absent: Stephanie Doyle. Alternates present: none. Alternates absent: Ned Beecher, William Batchelder, Lucy Gatchell and Eric Dube.

Also present: Randall Dearborn, Planning Board; Melanie Streeter, Select Board.

**Approval of Minutes for 7/12/2021** – Kit moved to accept the minutes as written. Jeremy seconded, motion carried.

**Administrative and Announcements** – Nelson announced that Anneliese will be resigning after this meeting. She is moving out of town.

**Financial** – Charlie reported that there is \$4639.48 left in the TCC annual budget. The Conservation Fund balance is \$67544.32. A new, mysterious item has appeared in the statement: "Conservation Revenue," with a balance of \$7274.71. Charlie and Melanie will investigate.

**Planning Board** – Randall reported that the Colter and Berrier subdivisions have been approved. There are currently two subdivisions and one boundary line adjustment in review. Kathy Padgett has resigned from the board. The board is looking for new members.

**Selectboard** – Melanie reported that fifteen letters have been sent out concerning unauthorized junkyards. Some recipients have responded positively. Others will need further motivation. Dan Beauregard has been hired as Recreation Director.

### **Conservation Easements/Land Protection**

**Lunt Ledge** – Nelson reported that communication with landowners in the project area has been ongoing. Nothing firm to report yet.

### **Public Education & Outreach**

**Summer Camp** – Charlie suggested that Dan Beauregard should be included in the loop when planning summer camp schedules with Tin Mountain and the Brett School. Good idea.

### **Wetlands and Shorelands –**

**Groundwater Protection Ordinance Committee** – Jeremy reported that the committee will be meeting on Sept 15<sup>th</sup>. The tax map revision will be a great help in identifying which parcels would be in a protection area. The revision work should take four to six months.

**Tax Map 405, Lot 15** – A wetlands permit application has been submitted for a stream habitat improvement project on Sanborn Brook. The area of the brook downstream on the abutting property was previously done with good results.

### **Managed Lands and Trails**

**Perkins Easement** – The easement sign has been repaired and Lucy is almost done repainting the lettering. It should be back up soon.

**Mowing** – Nelson knocked down the locust saplings at Waterfowl Haven with a brush hog three times this year. Mark Streeter has mowed Waterfowl Haven and Bearcamp Field. Bill received for \$455. Charlie moved to authorize payment. Jeremy seconded, motion carried.

**Betty Steel Loop** – Nelson and Dylan Alden flagged a proposed relocation around the eroded area of the trail. Bob Hardy will inspect and give final approval.

**Other Business** – Chris Conrod announced that the first of the fall salamander censuses will be on September 18, 9:30 AM at the Remick Natural area. Jeremy reported that the hawks are migrating. Good time to go to Pack Monadnock. Chele announced that the NH Audubon 15 Year Whip-poor-will report shows that the Madison Pine Barrens has the largest population of whip-poor-wills in the state.

**Adjourn** – There being no other business brought before the Commission, Jeremy moved, Kit seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:58 pm.

*Submitted by Chris Conrod, TCC Administrative Assistant.*