

Tamworth Conservation Commission
Draft minutes – July 11, 2022 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 7:00pm. Commissioners present were Nelson O'Bryan, Dylan Alden, Eileen Shelly, Kit Morgan & Chele Miller
Also present were: Randall Dearborn, Planning Board Representative; Kelly Goodson, Select Board Representative and Linda Cook, Tamworth resident.

Approval of Minutes for 6/13/22 – Kit moved and Eileen seconded.
The minutes were approved as presented by unanimous vote.

Announcements:

- Additional information is being sought re: bridge replacement over the Swift River.
- A variance request has been granted to permit a logging road on the Wonalancet River; Lot 406-33 owned by Beverly Hammond.

Financial – Charlie was not present.

Nelson noted that 84% of the 2022 budget has been expended to date and that support for the GMCG Water Quality Monitoring Program has not yet been paid.
No financial action was taken.

Planning Board – Randall Dearborn reported:

- Bruce Robinson has been granted a boundary line adjustment on 38 Gardner Hill Road.

Selectboard – Kelly Goodson reported:

- Eight overlays of features on the Town Maps will be available on-line.
- Emily Virney has been hired to fulfill the role of Administrative Assistant.
- Junk Yard letters and contacts are being made to encourage and support clean-up of any debris. This effort includes both private homes and businesses.

Conservation Easements/Land Protection

- No 2022 Easement Monitoring reported to date.

Perkins Easement (3 Parcels)

Proposed amendments to the disputed easement were rejected. Steve Walker denied that the state has responsibility regarding this easement. There remain many issues under consideration including concerns regarding precedents.
The parties involved were encouraged to find additional options to strengthen the easement. Randall noted the two easements must come back together and Bearcamp Community can remain on the land not under easement. The part under easement is not viable/useable for the school. Randall questioned whether there are easement documents and a Baseline Management Plan on file. Nelson reported that documentation is on file in the Town files.
Concern about possible conflict of interest was expressed given that the Bearcamp Valley Center board includes Clay Prill who is a party on both sides of the issue.

In summary, as is customary, the easement clearly states that the easement cannot be subdivided. It appears that the ultimate expectation of the state is that the easement in question, which cover 3 lots

Of record, must be held by a single owner.

The Prills and the Bearcamp Center board must agree on single ownership.

Legal fees are mounting up for the Town.

Kit will ask the attorney whether the TCC can provide any helpful information to assist with

a resolution.

Public Education and Outreach

No report.

Wetlands/Shorelands

Chocorua Ski and Beach Club Assoc. has made a request to be permitted to add sand to the beach on Moore's Pond. This is non-controversial.

Managed Lands and Trails

Betty Steele Trail relocation: The trail is being rerouted to eliminate a steep and potentially dangerous

Section along the Wonalancet River. Nelson has met and walked the trail with Bob Hardy to confirm a suggested relocation. A TCC work day was scheduled for July 13th.

Fire Tower Windows – The old windows from the Great Hill Fire Tower have all been given away. Charlie Townsend took 2 and Brad Hauser took 9.

Trail Maintenance: Mostly Brushing

Jackman Pond: Done

Remick Acres: Done

Other Business:

Kelly noted an informational meeting/listening session to be held at Moultonborough Library re: Department of Transportation plans for work planned at the junction of routes 16 and 28 and near Chocorua Lake.

Eileen and Randall expressed an interest in attending.

Adjournment:

7:47 pm – Eileen moved to adjourn. Dylan seconded. Unanimous.