

**Tamworth Conservation Commission**  
Draft Minutes – October 11, 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 7:05 pm. Commissioners present were Nelson O'Bryan, Kit Morgan, Chele Miller and Charlie Townsend. Commissioners absent: Jeremy Phillips and Stephanie Doyle. Alternates present: Lucy Gatchell. Alternates absent: Ned Beecher, William Batchelder and Eric Dube. Nelson assigned Lucy to fill an empty seat.  
Also present: Dylan Alden.

**Approval of Minutes for 9/13/2021** – Kit moved to accept the minutes with corrections to spelling errors. Chele seconded, motion carried.

**Administrative and Announcements**

Nelson announced that the Boy Scout cabin and shelter on Great Hill have been removed by the state.

Nelson announced that Dylan Alden is interested in joining the commission. Nelson suggested that she could fill the vacancy due to the resignation of Anneliese Smith. He will entertain a motion for recommending Dylan to the Selectboard at the next TCC meeting when it is expected that there will be a fuller complement of commissioners present.

Kit announced that Green Mountain Conservation Group will be holding a Community Plastics Forum on Zoom Wednesday, October 13, at 7 pm. On November 17 GMCG will hold a Source Water Protection Online Workshop on Zoom. Registration instructions are on the GMCG website.

**Financial**

Charlie reported that two bills have been received: \$900 for Green Mountain water quality monitoring work in Tamworth. Charlie moved to approve payment. Kit seconded, motion carried. \$250 for annual dues for New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commissioners. Charlie moved to approve payment. Chele seconded, motion carried.

The Selectmen have asked for a proposed budget for 2022. Charlie and Nelson recommend proposing the same budget as the current year, which has a total of \$6581. Charlie moved to propose a TCC budget of \$6581 for 2022. Lucy seconded, motion carried.

Charlie reported that he spoke with Karen Anthony about the new “Conservation Revenue” line item on the monthly statement. It is a subset of the total Conservation Fund balance and not an additional source of funds. It denotes recent revenues received.

**Tax Map Overlays** – Nelson reported that the tax map revision currently in progress will be incorporated into a Geographic Information System (GIS). As such, the base map (property lines, lot numbers and other relevant data) can have overlays showing other geographic information, such as water resources and soils maps. The Selectboard has asked TCC and others for a list of overlays that would be useful. Nelson has a list of twelve at this time. If any commissioners would like to suggest overlays, they can review the list at <https://granit.unh.edu/data/downloadfreedata/category/databycategory.html> and pass their recommendation on to Nelson.

**Easement Monitoring**

**Payne Easement** – The Payne easement was acquired last year. A monitor is needed for annual inspections. Kit volunteered to be the monitor for the Payne easement. The Administrative Assistant will supply Kit with a monitor's folder and inspection report form.

**Rhodes Easement** – William “Batch” Batchelder has retired as the monitor of the Rhodes easement after many years of faithful service. Chele reported that Jeremy Phillips is considering taking over the Rhodes monitoring duties. Chele will check with him.

Perkins Easement – Two of the three separate lots in the Perkins easement have changed ownership. It was agreed that Nelson would continue as monitor but file separate reports for the two ownerships.

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

**Lunt Ledge** – Nelson reported that Scott Aspinall has been in communication with landowners in the project area but one property in the area of interest is held by a family trust. The trustees have not reached agreement.

### **Public Education & Outreach**

**SPARCnet Salamander Census** – Chris Conrod reported that the third and final census will be Tuesday, October 12. Brett School third graders will be doing the census, coordinated by Dexter Harding for Tin Mountain Conservation Center.

**Summer Camp** – Nelson asked the commissioners to give some thought to where the \$500 budgeted for summer camp tuition for Tamworth children should go in 2022. Three possibilities are Brett School, Community School and Tin Mountain Conservation Center.

### **Wetlands and Shorelands –**

**Groundwater Protection Ordinance Committee** – Kit reported that the committee met in September and it is currently doing research and collecting information from state and local agencies.

### **Managed Lands and Trails**

**Perkins Easement** – The refurbished LCIP easement sign has been reinstalled in its original location. Scott Aspinall, with cooperation of the Remick Foundation, is working on putting the LCIP sign back up on the Aspinall easement.

**Betty Steel Loop** – Nelson is waiting on Bob Hardy to inspect and give final approval for the trail relocation.

**Other Business** – One of Remick Foundation's cows got its head stuck in a hollow tree. A sawzall was needed to extricate it. No report yet on whether the sawzall was used on the tree or the cow.

**Adjourn** – There being no other business brought before the Commission, Kit moved, Chele seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

*Submitted by Chris Conrod, TCC Administrative Assistant.*