

Tamworth Conservation Commission

Draft Minutes – January 10, 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 7:02 pm. Commissioners present were Nelson O'Bryan, Chele Miller, Kit Morgan, Dylan Alden and Charlie Townsend. Commissioners absent: Jeremy Phillips and Stephanie Doyle. Alternates present: Lucy Gatchell and Eric Dube. Alternates absent: Ned Beecher. Nelson assigned Lucy and Eric to fill the empty seats.

Also present: Melanie Streeter, Selectboard; Randall Dearborn, Planning Board; and Eileen Shelly.

Nelson's birthday was acknowledged with cupcakes and musical merriment. Thanks to Chele.

Approval of Minutes for 12/13/2021 – Charlie moved to accept the minutes with the correction that the Big Pines tree removal bill had not been paid at the time of the meeting. Kit seconded, motion carried.

Administrative and Announcements

The 2022 Saving Special Places Conference will be on April 1 and 2. Nelson will inform the commission when the conference agenda and workshop schedule are announced.

Green Mountain Conservation Group will present their report on water quality monitoring at the TCC February 14 meeting.

TCC has received a \$75 donation from the Rock Hoppers, who use TCC trails for one of their events.

Financial

Charlie reported that the 2021 end-of-year budget balance shows that there was \$674.57 unspent from the \$6851.00 annual budget.

Charlie moved to approve payment of \$869.44 for legal services of Drummond Woodsum. Eric seconded, motion carried.

Nelson announced that a cost of living allowance of 6% had been added to the proposed TCC 2022 budget.

Planning Board – Randall reported four applications were approved during the past month; there are two applications in review.

Selectboard – Melanie announced that there will be a public hearing to review the proposed budget at the Town House, 6 PM, Thursday, January 13.

TCC Membership – Committees and Tasks

Chele and Stephanie have asked to serve as alternates after their terms expire. Eric declined another term as alternate. Eileen Shelly has agreed to accept an appointment as full commissioner. Eric moved to make these recommendations to the Selectboard. Charlie seconded, motion carried.

Nelson reviewed the committee and task assignments and opened the floor to discussing committee preferences of individual commissioners. He will compile and furnish a list of committee assignments for 2022.

Conservation Easements/Land Protection

Perkins Easement – Nelson reported that the NH Attorney General Office has given the parties involved 30 days to present a plan to rectify the breach of easement concerning subdivision of the easement. The most straightforward means would be for the Community School to transfer ownership of its portion of the easement to Zero Mile Farm. The Community School is proposing to keep its portion of the easement in return for placing further conservation restrictions on the property. They are asking TCC to support the proposal. Kit moved to support the Community School proposal. Dylan seconded, motion carried.

Managed Lands and Trails

Betty Steele Loop at Big Pines Natural Area – Nelson reported that TCC is still waiting on a memorandum of understanding from Bob Hardy for the trail relocation.

Adjourn – There being no other business brought before the Commission, Eric moved, Kit seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Submitted by Chris Conrod, TCC Administrative Assistant.