Tamworth Conservation Commission Draft Minutes – March 14, 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 7:03 pm. Commissioners present were Nelson O'Bryan, Kit Morgan, Dylan Alden, Charlie Townsend, Jeremy Phillips and Eileen Shelly. Commissioners absent: None. Alternates present: Lucy Gatchell and Ned Beecher. Alternates absent: Chele Miller and Stephanie Doyle. Nelson appointed Ned to fill the empty seat.

Also present: Randall Dearborn, Planning Board.

A Zoom connection was available but no one logged in other than Nelson.

Approval of Minutes for 02/14/2022 – Ned moved to accept the minutes with the following corrections: 1) In the Call to Order, Charlie Townsend should have been listed as absent; 2) in the Planning Board report, "Macy" should be "Mathes"; 3) under Financial, " Drumond Wilson" should be "DrummondWoodsum" (and if anyone wants to correct this at the next meeting by adding a space, dash or any other punctuation, I got this straight off their letterhead, emails and website). Kit seconded, motion carried.

Administrative and Announcements

Nelson announced the Saving Special Places conference (<u>https://extension.unh.edu/savingspecialplaces</u>) will be held via Zoom on April 1st and 2nd. Registration fees can be covered by TCC. Let Nelson know if you are interested in attending.

Ned will be doing the spring bird walks. Dates are April 20 & 27 and May 4, 11, & 18. Details are on the TCC website.

Nelson announced that the regularly scheduled landfill monitoring has been done.

Election of Officers

Dylan moved to accept the following slate of officers for the current year: Chair, Nelson O'Bryan; Vice Chair, Kit Morgan; Treasurer, Charlie Townsend. Ned seconded, motion carried.

Financial

Charlie reported that the TCC budget passed at the annual town meeting. There has been some difficulty in getting an accounting of the LUCT funds that should be transferred to the Conservation Fund. Charlie will continue to investigate.

- **Planning Board** Randall reported that there is one subdivision application (Paul King) under review. The board has started to work on subdivision ordinance revisions.
- **Groundwater Protection Ordinance Committee** Jeremy reported that the committee has sent out letters to all known town businesses, informing them of the committee and inviting input.

Conservation Easements/Land Protection

Perkins Easement – Kit reported that the State Council on Resources and Development discussed the Perkins easement at their meeting last week. No action was taken. Their next meeting will be in May. Randell reminded all that, because this is a legal matter, confidential details should not be discussed in a public meeting. He added that the Selectboard wants to have a meeting with TCC. Nelson has recused himself from having any official capacity in this matter.

Public Education and Outreach – Nelson asked if and how the commissioners want to participate in Family Day (July 4) festivities. Any ideas can be discussed at the next meeting.

Managed Lands and Trails

The state has approved the proposed relocation on the Betty Steele Loop, with modifications. The work will probably start in April. Kit, Dylan, Lucy, Randall and Jeremy enlisted on the spot.

Tamworth Community Nurse Association is looking for a place to build a handicap accessible trail. Ed Parsons would appreciate any recommendations.

Adjourn – There being no other business brought before the Commission, Kit moved, Jeremy seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:41 pm.

Submitted by Chris Conrod, TCC Administrative Assistant.