

## **MINUTES**

### **Conservation Lands Review Committee of the Tamworth Conservation Commission Wednesday, June 2, 2021**

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

**Members Present:** Nelson O'Bryan, Ned Beecher, John Mersfelder, Jeremy Phillips, Katy Thompson, David Little, Chele Miller.

**Others Present:** Scott Aspinall and Chris Conrod.

The meeting started at 7:06 pm.

#### **Lunt Ledge and Surrounding Area**

Nelson reviewed the conservation value of the Lunt Ledge area and how it is a key piece of the Whites to Ossipees Wildlife Initiative.

Scott reported that he was interested in putting a conservation easement on his property (tax map lot 414/96.1). In discussion with abutters, Scott said that the owner of lots 414/94&95 was also interested in doing a conservation easement. A trustee of lot 411/1 is sympathetic to the idea. Scott suggested other neighboring lots that could be included.

In further discussion it was agreed that the project was well worth pursuing. Action items should be as follows:

- Get a firm commitment from Scott (414/96.1) and Joel Streeter (414/94&95) to place conservation easements on their property. These lots have road frontage on the wildlife crossing area and are key pieces to the wildlife corridor. Survey costs could be covered by the Conservation Fund.
- Then contact abutting landowners to inquire if they are interested in doing a conservation easement or contributing to the project.
- Then possibly contact Lakes Region Conservation Trust to see if they are interested in getting involved.
- Investigate other funding options (NRCS wetlands protection program or others).

Other discussion involved the status of the Black Bear Conservation Foundation. It needs to reinstate its 501(c)3 status.

**Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

*Submitted by Chris Conrod, TCC Administrative Assistant*