

Tamworth Conservation Commission

Draft Minutes – April 1, 2024, Tamworth Town Office

Draft minutes to be reviewed and approved at a subsequent meeting

Call to Order – Ned Beecher called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm. Commissioners present were Ned Beecher, Charlie Townsend, Teresa Fournier, Jeremy Phillips, Kit Morgan and Dylan Alden. Commissioners absent: Eileen Shelly. Alternates present: Lucy Gatchell, Nelson O'Bryan and Kelly Goodson. Alternates absent: Stephanie Doyle. Also present: Nick Grant, Planning Board; and Willie Farnum, Transfer Station Improvement Committee. Ned appointed Nelson to fill the empty seat.

Approval of Minutes for 03/11/2024 – Nelson moved to accept the minutes as written. Jeremy seconded, motion carried.

Administrative and Announcements

Received copy of expedited minimum impact wetlands permit application for habitat improvement work on Hoag Brook, Tax map 412/37.

Ned discussed the recent Town Lands for Wildlife workshop.

NHACC e-news; Ned will send in names and addresses of those who would like to receive it.

Saving Special Places scheduled for April 6.

Stream Restoration Workshop at Tin Mountain on May 3.

UNH Extension Service will do a presentation on invasive plants at Green Mountain Conservation Group in Effingham on May 12.

Financial

The proposed 2024 TCC budget passed at town Meeting. Nelson has received his reimbursement for recording the Holden easement deed.

Planning Board – Nick Grant reported that the Board is reviewing a 16 unit development on Route 16 near Rosie's Restaurant. The Build-out analysis is underway and might be done by June and it will be useful for the Master Plan subcommittee, which has recently been formed.

Review and Assignment of Committees – Everyone agreed to continue on their assigned committees. Kelly Goodson was added to the Public Education and Outreach Committee.

Easement Monitoring – It's never too early to do an inspection.

Public Education and Outreach – Lucy reported on TCC's contribution to Cook Library's summer adventure program. She and Dylan have collected patches, tracking cards, other goodies, and she is putting together a booklet on the TCC trails.

Discussed participating in the Fourth of July parade; decide on a theme/costumes, discuss at next meeting.

Conservation Easements/Land Protection

Alt Consolidation – The two consolidation and reassignment deeds are complete and have been recorded.

Aspinall Lot – Nothing new.

Cook – Harold is in discussion with an abutter who might accept the lot.

Holden – The Holdens are having an appraisal done on the properties in easement. They want to know if the floodplain would have been buildable. Nelson referred them to the Planning Board and NH-DES.

Wetlands and Shore Lands

Beach on Swift River – NH-DES is investigating it. Ned has been in contact with them and they will keep TCC apprised of their findings and actions.

Ned received concerns from residents about a timber cut in Chocorua very close to the Chocorua River. There is excavation occurring now. There is no known violation occurring. Ned will send the landowner an informational letter to be sure that they are aware of any permits that might be needed.

Managed Lands and Trails – Another snow and wind storm coming. Let Dylan know of any trail issues you encounter.

Land Purchase and Sale by Town – Willie Farnum informed the Commission of an opportunity for the town to purchase the North Country Recycling property on Route 41. It would make more financial sense to purchase this property and sell the current Transfer Station property than to upgrade the existing facility. The Select Board is required to confer with the Planning Board and the Conservation Commission before buying or selling any real estate property. The Transfer Station Improvement Committee is still in negotiation with the landowner. They would like to confer with TCC at the May meeting. Willie will see if he can set up a time with the landowner for TCC to view the property. Tuesday or Wednesday mornings are the preferred time.

Adjourn – There being no other business brought before the Commission, Jeremy moved, Nelson seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:17 pm.

Submitted by Chris Conrod, TCC Administrative Assistant.