

Tamworth Conservation Commission
May 8, 2023, Tamworth Town Office
Minutes reviewed and approved at June 12, 2023 meeting

Call to Order – Nelson O'Bryan called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm. Commissioners present were Nelson O'Bryan, Charlie Townsend, Dylan Alden, Eileen Shelly, Jeremy Phillips and Kit Morgan. Commissioners absent: None. Alternates present: Lucy Gatchell. Alternates absent: Ned Beecher and Stephanie Doyle. Nelson appointed Lucy to fill the empty seat. Also present: Nick Grant, Planning Board.

Approval of Minutes for 03/13/2023 – Jeremy moved to accept the minutes as written. Charlie seconded, motion carried.

Administrative and Announcements

Nelson reported that the board representatives for 2023 are Nick Grant, Planning Board; and Richard Doucette, Selectboard.

Chele Miller is moving out of town and has regretfully resigned. Chele has been a long-time member of the commission and she has served in numerous capacities, including Secretary, Easement Monitoring Coordinator and Public Education and Outreach, to name a few. The commission thanks her for her service. She will be missed.

Kevin Martin, a member of UNH's Champion Tree team, will be doing a presentation at Tin Mountain Conservation Center on May 11 at 7 pm. Visit <https://www.tinmountain.org/event/author-series-big-trees-of-northern-new-england/> for more information.

Financial – Charlie reported that the only expense shown on the current statement is \$225 for one summer camp sponsorship. He has been assured by the Selectboard's office that \$7500 from 2022 LUCT proceeds has been added to the Conservation Fund.

Planning Board – Nick Grant reported that the Bearcamp Center subdivision has been approved. The Planning Board is getting close to wrapping up the revisions to the subdivision ordinance. When it is ready it will be posted for public review. The revisions should make the application process easier. The board will begin updating the Capital Improvement Program. The board will be sending a letter to the Selectboard to recommend the next steps to take for the new groundwater protection ordinance. Pat Farley has stepped down from the board.

Easement Monitoring – Nelson announced that two members of NH-CLSP (Conservation Land Stewardship Program) will be inspecting the Cave, Aspinall and Perkins easements on June 13. The TCC monitors of these easements are invited to attend. And any other curious TCC members are welcome.

Public Education and Outreach

SPARCnet Salamander Census – Chris Conrod reported that the second spring census was done by the Brett School third graders on May 5. The third and final census will be on Saturday, May 13.

History Center Summer Exhibit – Materials and backing boards have been collected and are ready for assembly.

Camp Sponsorships – Thanks to Ned, all three sponsorships have been spoken for by Tamworth students. They all chose a Tin Mountain program. *[at the 6/12/23 meeting it was revealed that one sponsorship went to Squam Lakes Natural Science Center and two went to the Bearcamp Center.]*

Wetlands and Shorelands – Nelson reported that he received multiple inquiries regarding some work in wetlands on Old Mail Road. Research shows that the landowner applied for and received a wetlands permit in 2020. (NH-DES state permit; Tamworth does not have a wetlands ordinance)**TCC Lands and Trails** – Dylan accepted the position of trail maintenance coordinator. She will be scheduling spring trail clean-up work. Let her know what trail you would like to work on.

Conservation Land

Lunt Ledge/Aspinall Land – Scott Aspinall has approached Lakes Region Conservation Trust about purchasing his land or an easement on his land. Joel Streeter is considering protecting part of Map 414, Lot 95.

Christopher Alt Easements – The Forest Society documents for consolidating the easements are being reviewed by the NH State Attorney's Office.

Perkins Easement – The subdivision is completed. The next step is to transfer ownership to Zero Mile Farm.

TCC Membership – TCC needs to recruit new members. There is one open seat on the commission and we are down to three Alternates, only one of which is able to regularly attend meetings. Please notify Nelson of any candidates you may know of.

Other Business – Lucy had a new batch of TCC trail brochures printed at the UPS Store but they didn't know how to fold them. She passed out a handful to everyone and we had a folding party. Charlie moved to approve spending up to \$25 for the printing of the brochures. Jeremy seconded, motion carried.

Adjourn – There being no other business brought before the Commission, Everyone moved, Everyone seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:21 pm.

Submitted by Chris Conrod, TCC Administrative Assistant.