

Tamworth Conservation Commission

Draft Minutes – January 8, 2018

Draft minutes to be reviewed and approved at a subsequent meeting

Call to Order – Nelson O'Bryan called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm. Commissioners present were Nelson O'Bryan, Chele Miller,, John Watkins Ned Beecher and William Batchelder.

Commissioners absent: Stephanie Doyle and Rich Gerard. Alternates present: Lucy Gatchell, Eric Dube and Charlie Townsend.. Nelson appointed Lucy and Eric to fill the empty seats.

Also present: Steve Gray, Selectman; Kit Morgan, Dexter Harding.

Approval of Minutes for 12/11/2017 – Moved by Chele to accept the minutes as written. Lucy seconded, motion carried. Batch, Eric and Ned abstained.

Announcements

Received NH-DES copy of complete forestry notification for Tax Map/Lots 412/4,07,025.

The 2018 Saving Special Places event will be in Alton on April 7.

TCC Membership for 2018 (starting in March)

Terms for Nelson and Batch expire this year. They both agree to accept a new term. Ned offered to step down to an Alternate position; Charlie Townsend is willing to return to serving as a full commissioner.

Kit Morgan and Dexter Harding are interested in becoming Alternates in TCC. They both have considerable experience in conservation work.

Ned moved to request the Selectmen to reappoint Nelson and Batch as commissioners, appoint Charlie to complete Ned's term as commissioner, and appoint Ned, Kit and Dexter as Alternates. Eric seconded, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report/Finance –

John reported that \$999.06 of the 2017 budget remained unexpended. It will return to the General Fund.

John will check with Kathy in the Selectmen's Office to see if any 2017 LUCT Funds have or will be transferred to the Conservation Fund.

Selectmen – Steve Gray reported that the Fire Department is working with the State concerning additional clearing around the fire tower to improve visibility for spotting fires.

Public Education and Outreach –

Sponsorship/Scholarships – We have a candidate for the Barry Camp; Chele moved to authorize Rich to reserve one spot for a female at Barry Camp; Eric seconded, motion carried. Dexter supplied a list of summer camps at Tin Mountain. Agreed to try to recruit candidates before choosing the program(s).

Managed Lands and Trails – The winter weather has surely caused more blowdowns on trails. Let Nelson know what you see.

Other Business – Kit asked if TCC's participation in Green Mountain Conservation Group's groundwater protection outreach project has been clearly defined. Nelson will contact Corey Lane to check.

Adjourn – There being no other business brought before the Commission, Batch moved, Eric seconded, meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.

Submitted by Chris Conrod, TCC Administrative Assistant.