

**Tamworth Conservation Commission**  
**Draft Meeting Minutes**  
**May 10, 2010**

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

**Present:** Ned Beecher, Chele Miller, Nelson O'Bryan, Bill Batchelder, Margaret Reiser, Charlie Townsend, Kathy Bunker, Skip Nason (Planning Board representative), John Roberts (Selectman representative)

Meeting called to order at 7:09 pm.

**Approval of minutes of meetings of April 12, 2010**

- Batch noted that there is a correction to be made: David Little was thanked as the Planning Board rep, not the Selectboard rep.
- Nelson moved and Chele seconded to approve the public minutes as corrected. The motion passed with Charlie abstaining.
- Margaret moved and Nelson seconded to approve the non-public minutes. The motion passed with Charlie abstaining.

**Budget update**

Charlie noted that 93% of the TCC budget remains. He reviewed newly received invoices for TCC expenditures, which were previously reviewed or were budgeted for:

- Mailboxes purchased by Batch for trails: \$109.68
- Routed signs for Great Hill trails made by Chris Conrod: \$150.00
- Groundwater conference in Concord attended by Kathy, including mileage: \$87.00.
- Annual support of Green Mountain Conservation Group water testing program: \$900.
- TCC annual website rental fee, paid by Ned: ~\$150.

**Trout Habitat Improvement Project**

Dick Fortin is working with Tin Mountain on a project to research trout habitat improvement. One site for the study is in Tamworth - Sanborn Brook between Great Hill Pond and Route 113A. Brook trout have been declining. Hatchery fish currently being used to stock usually die less than one year later. They don't reproduce with native trout. Hope is to improve habitat in headwater streams. They need large woody material in the water. Sanborn Brook has 13 pieces of large wood in the 1000-foot study site; they want 40 per 1000 feet. For the project, they are applying for a DES expedited minimum impact permit and a local Special Use Permit (SUP) After reviewing the details of the project with Dick, the Commission assessed whether the purpose and intent of the Ordinance will be met by the proposed activity, and it was agreed that all would be.

Votes: Nelson moved to recommend to the Planning Board that they approve the SUP. Chele seconded. The motion passed unanimously. State DES permit: Nelson moved to waive any objection to the expedited permit. Chele seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Ned will sign the DES application to help expedite it.

**Select Board News**

John noted that all 3 selectman went to the GMCG presentation in Madison regarding road salt. Tamworth significantly cut back on road salt in 2009-2010 season.

### **Planning Board news**

Skip noted that the Board was working on a tricky subdivision issue off of Mountain Rd, trying to split lots but there's not road frontage. A site walk will be May 20 and a public hearing on June 9. The Board has spent time updating its activities with regard to RSA 155E (excavations) to get easier access. David Cluff is chairman of excavation committee.

### **Agricultural**

Nothing new.

### **Family Day/Earth Day**

Earth Day Fire Tower event a success

### **Managed lands and trails**

Fire tower painting

--Kristel plans to paint Friday; Nelson agreed to help purchase stain in preparation.

Bridge over Swift River

--Someone needs to check the bridge condition. Margaret will.

Maps/brochures

--2010 brochures are in! Members took a few each.

Signs for Jackman Pond and fire tower

--Nelson, Margaret, and Chris Conrod put up new routed signs made by Chris.

Map at the Tamworth Outing Club kiosk at the four corners in Hemenway

--Outing Club is all for us putting a map there

Betty's path maintenance

--brushing and blazing was postponed from last Saturday to this coming one, 5/15 at 1:00 pm

Fire tower view clearing

--Tree blocking southern view. State OK with us taking it down; Ned will work out details with Bob Hardy.

Wildfowl Haven map

--Ned still working on this.

Replacement of arrows and numbers at Remick Trail

--Chele walked the trail. Several arrows on the ground. Some blazing may be needed to overcome confusion.

White Lake Park signage

--Ned and Batch will continue drafting a plan in cooperation with the Park.

### **Ordinance Review**

Ned reported on the meeting last Monday, noting that forms continue to be formalized with a consistent format, and the Committee is finalizing its review of all existing Town ordinances and policies.

### **Wetlands matters**

- Mill Brook beaver activity—still need to meet with Jim Alt and the Mill Brook Association on this
- Chocorua Valley Lumber

- DES reviewed with wetlands committee
- Selectmen wrote to landowner to impose cease and desist and a fine of \$100/day from date of letter
- Several permits will be needed, as well as considerable remediation work.
- Selectmen have not heard from landowner since their letter was sent. Ned has had email correspondence with the landowner's wetland scientist and Denise Frappier, the DES person on this issue. A group is meeting with the landowner at DES in Concord on Thursday to create a plan for site remediation.
- HEB contacted Ned about a subdivision, and a planned septic system is not going to be within 125 feet of a wetland, so Ned advised that a waiver under the Tamworth Wetlands Ordinance is likely not needed.
- Shoreland Protection Act variance application: Union Hall Rd. property along Bearcamp River on small lot. Would like to put up a garage where one was previously. Ned advised the landowner that a waiver is needed if construction is planned to occur within 25 feet of a wetland or waterbody (such as the Bearcamp River)

### **Water quality**

- Groundwater ordinance development: Ned and Kathy are the ad-hoc committee working on this, at the request of the Planning Board. They will hold 3-4 meetings during the next month. Other TCC people are encouraged to help out. There was then discussion about how the Town would react to the idea of having inspections be part of the ordinance. It was agreed it would be a challenge, since Tamworth has no inspection program for anything now. It was agreed that this draft ordinance needs to be developed assuming there will be no zoning in town. The LRPC and GMCG will help with developing and publicizing the ordinance.
- Groundwater conference: Kathy attended the conference 4/30 and gave a summary.

### **Land acquisition and easements**

There will be an early June meeting with neighbors to the Gilman Forest to finalize some details of the conservation easement.

**Meeting adjourned at 9:50 pm.**