

These minutes previously sealed. Unsealed by a vote of the Conservation Commission -

DRAFT MINUTES

Ad-hoc Committee on Land Conservation

June 3, 12 Noon

Town Office Meeting Room

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

Present: Ned Beecher, David Little, John Mersfelder, Chele Miller, Nelson O'Bryan

Meeting called to order at 12:08. Motion by Nelson to enter non-public session because of the discussion being about ongoing negotiations for Town interest in property for conservation purposes; David seconded, all approved by role-call vote.

Acceptance of minutes of May 20, 2009 meeting (which were kindly provided by Nelson and were sealed) - Ned moved, Nelson seconded, all approved.

Meeting with SPNHF regarding publicity/brochure for project: Chele, Ned, John, and David will meet with Tom Howe and other SPNHF people in Wolfeboro, 9:30 am on the 10th

Topics for meeting with SPNHF:

- Easement: need to draft language and get initial approval by TCC and Selectmen
- Grant-writing assistance
- Donor possibilities
- Fundraising tenor and cooperation – hopefully SPNHF can help as much as possible; what guidelines does SPNHF have for fundraising, since we are working partly in their name?
- Photo and graphic requirements (format and resolution; Nelson's camera starts at 10 MB).
- Should current landowners be involved in review of written materials, etc. if they want to be?

Other:

- Ned still has to finish drafting initial language for the brochures.
- David talked to Scott Aspinall about possible donors in the neighborhood; most of the people he listed would not be big donors, and some have already been approached.
- Nelson is working on assembling photographs – he showed some he has taken so far.

Plan for broad-view corridor document:

- Maps and studies pointing to one clear corridor
- Stress wildlife! Include photos of wildlife.

- Answer “Why should Town support this?”
- Tie in Master Plan
- Include idea of connecting and extending current trails
- Tamworth happens to be in the right place, between the Ossipees and Sandwich Range
- Timber tax income down the road / preserved land pays more in taxes than it requires in town services
- SPNHF has solid good management record – an excellent landowner
- Stress connectivity / mosaic of habitats.
- Gilman lot will help ensure no future re-development of Class 6 road between Hackett Hill Road and Durrell Road.

Ned moved to go out of non-public session, David second; all approved.

Sealing minutes: David moved and Nelson seconded to seal the minutes of this meeting indefinitely; all approved.

Adjourned: Ned moved and David seconded adjourning; all approved.

Minutes respectfully submitted June 8, 2009 by Ned Beecher.