

Tamworth Conservation Commission

Draft Minutes – April 9, 2018

Draft minutes to be reviewed and approved at a subsequent meeting

Call to Order – Nelson O'Bryan called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm. Commissioners present were Nelson O'Bryan, Stephanie Doyle, Rich Gerard, John Watkins, Charlie Townsend, Chele Miller and William Batchelder. Commissioners absent: none. Alternates present: Lucy Gatchell, Ned Beecher and Dexter Harding.

Also present: Steve Gray, Selectman; Lynne Flaccus, Chocorua Lake Conservancy.

Approval of Minutes for 03/12/2018 – Batch moved to accept the minutes with a spelling correction under Public Education and Outreach; “Tim Mountain” should be “Tin Mountain”. Stephanie seconded, motion carried.

Administrative

Received copy of DES approval of wetlands application on Tax Map 411/Lot 5.

Treasurer's Report/Finance – John reported that to date, TCC has expended \$658 out of the \$7890 annual budget. The expended funds were for employee wages.

Selectmen – Steve Gray acknowledged that Ned Beecher presented TCC's proposal for the town to purchase, via a Boundary line adjustment, Community School property to be added to Jackman Pond Wildlife Area. He asked if TCC would be interested in talking with Peter Smart concerning the future of the Flanagan property at the Chocorua Dam. Nelson will get in touch with Peter. Steve also asked where the funds come from to pay for the water quality testing done by Green Mountain Conservation Group. They come from a line item on the TCC annual budget.

Land Conservation

Community School – Nelson will schedule a public hearing for the first item at the next meeting (May 14). The hearing will be for the proposal to expend town funds for the purchase of Community School land to be added to Jackman Pond Wildlife Area.

Map/Lot 405/13 – No change. The co-owners are still discussing options.

Easement Monitoring – It's never too early to get started. Send reports (preferably as a doc or pdf file) to the Administrative Assistant.

Public Education and Outreach

Sponsorship/Scholarships – Donna Ulitz has some candidates for the Tin Mountain programs. TCC will cover all expenses for two children. If there are more, TCC will split the funds equally and Tin Mountain will provide the rest of the scholarship money.

Program Planning – The PE&O subcommittee met with Lynn Flaccus prior to this meeting, to plan for some future programs and discuss other outreach methods. Future programs might include Barbara Bald, wildflower walk; more mushroom walks and/or presentation at the mushroom farm; a citizen science program; lectures and field trips. Also, Stephanie will look into getting TCC on social media, Facebook or Twitter.

TCC/Cook Library Co-sponsorship – The Eric Masterson presentation, “Kettle of One”, is on Wednesday April 11, 7 pm, at the Cook Library.

Vernal Pool Walk – Scheduled for Saturday, April 21, 10 am at 679 Old Mail Road..

The PE&O subcommittee agreed to meet at 6:30, prior to the May TCC meeting.

Wetlands/Shoreline – NH-DES is working on revisions to the wetland rules. They are accepting comments up to April 20. Meeting schedules, proposed rules, etc can all be found at <https://www.des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/wetlands/process-improvement.htm>

Other Business – none

Adjourn – There being no other business brought before the Commission, Batch moved, John seconded, meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Submitted by Chris Conrod, TCC Administrative Assistant.