

Tamworth Conservation Commission
Draft Minutes – March 11, 2019
Draft minutes to be reviewed and approved at a subsequent meeting

Call to Order – Nelson O'Bryan called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm. Commissioners present were Nelson O'Bryan, Dexter Harding, William Batchelder, Chele Miller, Charlie Townsend and John Watkins. Commissioners absent: Stephanie Doyle. Alternates present: Lucy Gatchell, Ned Beecher and Kit Morgan. Nelson assigned Kit to fill the vacant seat.

Also present: Steve Gray, Selectman.

Approval of Minutes for 02/11/2019 – Batch moved to accept minutes as written. Dexter seconded, motion carried.

Administrative/Announcements

Received the spring copy of Green Mountain Conservation Group Watershed News and two Hikin' Heron applications.

UNH Extension Service offers bioblitz services on town-owned land. Nelson will investigate and submit an application if feasible.

Election of 2019 TCC Officers. Nelson presented a slate of Chairman: Nelson O'Bryan; Treasurer: Charlie Townsend; Secretary: Stephanie Doyle. Chele moved to elect the entire slate. Batch seconded, motion carried.

Financial – John presented his final report as Treasurer: To date, TCC has no budget and has no expenditures. The commissioners thanked John for his service as Treasurer.

Selectmen – This is Steve Gray's last meeting as the Select Board representative. TCC will miss his cheery humor and thoughtful wisdom. Steve reported on the Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) presentation by Nelson and Ned at a recent Select Board meeting. He stated that Ned's PowerPoint was very helpful for all concerned parties.

Landfill PFAS – Ned's PowerPoint will be put on the town website. Nelson reviewed the process of selecting wells near the landfill for testing. They include wells that serve public use (Brett, BVCC, the town recreation facility and Gail Marone's daycare) as well as some private residences abutting the landfill. Nelson wants it known that, as a chemist who has worked for a company that produces these or similar substances, he has refrained from stating personal opinions and has only discussed hard facts.

Public Education and Outreach

Summer Camp Committee – The word is out and registrations are coming in for the Tin Mountain Tamworth Explorers camp. It would help to have more word of mouth aimed at Tamworth residents. Five or six campers have signed up so far and about half are Tamworth residents. The Tamworth foundation grant application has been written and submitted. Next month Nelson will submit the NH Charitable Trust grant application.

Sue Morse presentation and field walks – Chele reported a good turnout and the presentation was well received. After proceeds collected, Nelson covered the \$320 shortfall. John moved to authorize the reimbursement of \$320 to Nelson. Dexter seconded, motion carried.

Lucy announced that she and Lynne Flaccus had put together a vernal pool presentation that Lynne will present at the Cook Library on March 20. Lynne will be doing a Chocorua Lake vernal pool inspection tour in early May. Chris Conrod will be doing a TCC vernal pool walk April 21, 1 pm.

Other Business

Sunday, March 17, 4 pm, there will be a showing of “The People's Forest”, a film about White Mountain National Forest.

Adjourn – There being no other business brought before the Commission, Batch moved, Chele seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Submitted by Chris Conrod, TCC Administrative Assistant.