

Tamworth Conservation Commission
Draft Minutes – December 9, 2019
Draft minutes to be reviewed and approved at a subsequent meeting

Call to Order – Nelson O'Bryan called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm. Commissioners present were Nelson O'Bryan, William Batchelder, Chele Miller, Stephanie Doyle and Charlie Townsend. Commissioners absent: John Watkins and Dexter Harding. Alternates present: Ned Beecher. Nelson assigned Ned to fill one vacant seat.

Approval of Minutes for 11/11/2019 – Charlie said the correct budget amount remaining in November was \$2342.45. Nelson said that under membership, it should state that Charlie has agreed to accept a new term in 2020. Chele moved to accept minutes as corrected. Batch seconded, motion carried, Ned abstained.

Administrative/Announcements –

Stephanie announced that the deadline for submissions to the Green Mountain Conservation Group newsletter is coming up soon and she asked if there is any TCC activities the commissioners would like to submit. It was suggested that the SPARCnet salamander censuses could be reported. Chris Conrod said that the SPARCnet information, including a report for 2019, is on the TCC website.

Nelson announced that Richard Doucette believes he might have shutters for the fire tower in his barn, likely stored there by Betty or Dana Steele. Nelson will check measurements to confirm.

Financial

Charlie reported that it is still \$2342.45 left in the 2019 budget. The Administrative Assistant reported that a payroll check in process will be about \$950 (last four months).

Groundwater Protection Ordinance

Ned reported that a Tamworth resident brought up the groundwater protection ordinance at the recent PFAS workshop. It's been eight or nine years since the last attempt to establish such an ordinance in Tamworth. Albany is working on one now. Nelson will talk with Sheldon Perry to find out if the Planning Board is considering it in the master plan revision.

PFAS Workshop

Ned reported on attending the workshop. Brandon Kernan of NH-DES was one of the presenters and did a good job of explaining the issues involved in the new PFAS standards adopted by the state, which now has the strictest standards in the country: 12 ppt for PFOS and 15 ppt for PFOA, compared to EPA standards of 70 ppt. These standards will mainly affect landfills and industrial applications but 100,000-200,000 NH residents will not meet the standards. The movie "Dark Water" covers PFAS risks and regulation.

Easement Monitoring – Ned and Charlie have done the monitoring and will send in reports soon.

Wetlands

Swift River Work on Riverbank – No change since the DES letter of 11/1/2019.

Managed Lands and Trails

Tree clearing at Fire Tower – Bob Hardy has approved the work and Tamworth Wireless can begin clearing trees.

Adjourn – There being no other business brought before the Commission, Batch moved, Ned seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:58 pm.

Submitted by Chris Conrod, TCC Administrative Assistant.