

**Tamworth Conservation Commission**  
Draft Minutes – May 10, 2021  
*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 via Zoom. Commissioners on line were Nelson O'Bryan, Kit Morgan (arrived 7:14), Chele Miller, Jeremy Phillips and Anneliese Smith. Commissioners absent: Stephanie Doyle and Charlie Townsend. Alternates on line: William Batchelder and Eric Dube. Alternates absent: Lucy Gatchell and Ned Beecher. Also on line: Randall Dearborn, Planning Board.

**Approval of Minutes for 2/8/2021** – Batch moved to accept the minutes as written. Eric seconded, motion carried.

**Administrative and Announcements**

**Financial** – In the absence of Charlie Townsend (TCC Treasurer), Nelson gave a brief summary of the monthly budget statement. To date, approximately 20% of the budgeted expenditures has been spent. The Conservation Fund has a balance of a little over \$75,000.

Two bills/reimbursement requests have been received: Saving Special Places registration fee paid by Anneliese (\$45.00) and renewal of the TCC internet domain paid by Ned (\$39.99). Chele moved to authorize payment. Batch seconded, motion carried.

**Committee Assignments** – Nelson had sent out a list of committee assignments based on preferences voiced by members. The Administrative Assistant will post the list on the online handbook when Nelson has made any requested revisions to it.

**Planning Board** – Randall reminded everyone that the proposed revised wireless ordinance is on the ballot for tomorrow's (May 11) town election. He reported that the Planning Board would soon be working on drafting a groundwater protection ordinance, with assistance from the conservation commission.

**Conservation Easements/Land Protection**

**Chocorua Park LLC Easement** – There are no new developments for this proposal. It's up to the landowner to offer a revised proposal.

**Alt/SPNHF** – The Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests is still going ahead with Chris Alt's easements as a package deal. There is still a lot of legal work to do; it might take the rest of this year to complete.

**Lunt Ledge** – There has been recent local interest among neighbors of Lunt Ledge to permanently protect that area. Nelson will convene a meeting of the Conservation Lands Review Committee to discuss the matter.

**Public Education & Outreach**

**Summer Camp Sponsorships** – Lucy was not present to report but Nelson said he heard that the school was working on an arrangement with Tin Mountain Conservation Center.

**Wetlands and Shorelands –**

**Hoag Brook** – Steve Danielovich has applied to the NH Wetlands Board for a permit to do trout habitat improvement on Hoag Brook (Spaulding Trust land between Meader Road and Brown Hill Road). This would be similar to the projects previously done on Sanborn Brook (outlet of Great Hill Pond) and tributaries of Chocorua Lake.

**Club Motorsports** – A dredge and fill application to widen a curve on the road course has been approved by NH-DES after being inspected by Ned, Kit, Batch and Nelson.

**Groundwater Protection Ordinance** – The Planning Board will soon be working on a groundwater protection ordinance. Nelson will be in contact with Sheldon Perry and notify TCC members of any concrete plans.

**Swift River Bank Stabilization** – Nelson noted that TCC hasn't been notified of any new restoration work done at 220 Great Hill Road. No meeting attendees knew of any recent developments. We can assume that the bank hasn't caved in again.

**Managed Lands and Trails** – Trail maintenance duties have been assigned. Nelson urged all to notify him if they need any help.

**Other Business** – Chele remarked that the participation of the Brett School third graders in the SPARCnet salamander census was very successful. The students were engaged and enthusiastic.

**Adjourn** – There being no other business brought before the Commission, Batch moved, Eric seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:42 pm.

*Submitted by Chris Conrod, TCC Administrative Assistant.*