

## **Tamworth Conservation Commission**

Draft Minutes – September 12, 2016

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

**Call to Order** – Nelson O'Bryan called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. Commissioners present were Nelson O'Bryan, Chele Miller, Rich Gerard, William Batchelder, Stephanie Doyle and Bob Seston. Commissioners absent: Ned Beecher. Alternates present: Eric Dube, John Watkins and Charlie Townsend. Nelson designated Charlie to sit in the empty seat.

Also present: Steve Gray, Selectman.

**Approval of Minutes for 08/08/2016** – Moved by Batch to accept the minutes as written. Chele seconded, motion carried.

### **Administrative**

**Announcements:** Received copy of Shoreland Impact Permit from NH-DES for Tax Map/Lot 420/50. Received copy of NH-DES Wetlands Forestry Notification for Tax Map/Lot 215/39. Received copy of letter from US-DHS FEMA concerning risk management (flood zone) meeting for the Winnepesaukee watershed. Nelson reminded commissioners that the NHACC annual meeting will be on November 12 at Pembroke Academy.

**Treasurer's Report/Financial** – Received bill of \$120 from Mark Streeter for mowing of Bearcamp Field. Bob moved to authorize payment, Batch seconded, motion carried.

**Selectmen** – Steve Gray reported that HB 1395 passed. It allows using digital PDF files for records retention. He and the other Selectmen will discuss options for providing means of scanning and storing digital files for all the town agencies.

**Planning Board** – Eric reported that there will be a public hearing on September 28 for the proposed revised Scenic Road Ordinance.

### **Conservation Easements**

**Albee-Moscato Properties** – LRCT has applied for a grant from LCHIP for purchasing the “conservation lot”. LCHIP conducted a site visit and raised three concerns: 1. Albee has changed the location and total area of the lot he proposes to hold out. 2. The grant is asking for half of the purchase price, which is more than LCHIP normally grants. 3. The application does not state a definite pledged amount for covering the remainder of the purchase cost.

**Alice Bemis Thompson Trust** – The trust is being restructured/renamed and family members are interested in land protection projects. Total area of all the parcels is close to 1000 acres. Some of the parcels are key pieces in the Whites-to-Ossipees connectivity project. Agreed to contact land trusts about these parcels. Two organizations mentioned were Trust for Public Lands and The Nature Conservancy.

**Easement Monitoring** – Batch has completed the Rhodes Realty easement. Reminder to get either hard copies or preferably digital copies of inspection reports to the Administrative Assistant.

### **Public Education and Outreach**

**Tree Cookie** – It is currently at the Chocorua Library. Chele will ask the Brett School if they are interested in displaying it there.

**Photo Contest** – Nelson has received about 15 submissions for the summer photo contest. He will pick a winner soon. It's almost time to start the fall/autumn contest.

**250<sup>th</sup> Hikin' Herons** – Stephanie has been distributing the Hikin' Heron forms around town. We still need quite a few more completed forms to reach the goal.

## **Managed Lands and Trails**

**Mowing** – Bearcamp Field is done. Peter Dansy, Tall Pines Rd, has volunteered to mow the Waterfowl Haven field.

**Fire Tower** – Nelson inspected the loose step. The carriage bolt is rusted and will have to be cut and replaced.

**Betty Steele Loop** – Trail marking could be improved near the lower junction. Another location needs side-hill stabilization.

**Adjourn** – There being no other business brought before the Commission, Batch moved, Chele seconded, meeting adjourned at 7:54 pm.

*Submitted by Chris Conrod, TCC Administrative Assistant.*