

## **Tamworth Conservation Commission**

Draft Minutes – June 19, 2017

*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, Chele Miller, Rich Gerard, William Batchelder, Ned Beecher and John Watkins. Commissioners absent: Stephanie Doyle.

Also present: David Little, Tamworth Planning Board.

**Approval of Minutes for 05/08/2017** – Moved by Ned to accept the minutes as written. Batch seconded, motion carried.

### **Administrative Announcements:**

**Household Hazardous Waste Day** – Will be on August 5, 8:30 am to Noon. Sue Stowbridge can use some volunteers. Contact her if you can help. Volunteers got free food at Moultonborough last year.

**Received** copy of DES Complete Forestry Notification for Tax Map/Lot 403/1.

**Received** copy of DES After-the-fact permit for bridge on Tax Map/Lot 214/183.

**Treasurer's Report** – John reported there were no expenditures during the past statement period. The Conservation Fund balance is now at \$70,451.93.

**Planning Board** – David Little reported that the Planning Board is looking into the possibility of getting the town tax map geo-referenced. He explained the basic concept of GIS mapping and how the map would need to be geo-referenced in order to accurately overlay the tax map with other data, such as topography and, most importantly, with municipal districts such as floodplain zones and also aquifer zones, should the town chose to have a groundwater protection ordinance. Estimated cost is \$15,000 and the Selectman, who would make the final decision, appear to be inclined to do it. TCC staff and members questioned whether the tax map boundaries were accurate enough to delineate exactly where a floodplain boundary would cross an individual lot. Other means of determining exact locations of floodplain zones were discussed.

**Land Conservation** – Nelson reported that the Opinion of Value for the property the Community School would like to add to the conservation easement has yet to be completed. Tom Howard has been very busy but his report should be available before the next monthly TCC meeting.

### **Public Education and Outreach**

**Stream Habitat Project:** John reported that Dick Fortin and Tin Mountain Conservation Center will have a public show-and-tell concerning the trout habitat improvement project. John will get the date and other particulars for that and also he will see about getting a copy of the report on their previous project on Sanborn Brook.

**2015 Edition of NHF&G Wildlife Action Plan Maps:** Nelson received paper and digital copies of the "Habitat Type" and the "Best Habitat" maps. The administrative Assistant will put the digital copies on the TCC web site.

**Hikin' Herons:** Stephanie recently presented 13 patches to a Brett School group who finished the Hikin' Heron Challenge.

**Family Day:** There will be no parade or display participation by TCC this year.

**Easement Monitoring** – It's never too early to monitor your easement.

**Wetlands** – Received copy of dredge and fill application submitted to NH-DES by the Town of Tamworth. The road agent proposes to replace the bridge over Mill Brook on Bunker Hill Road. The proposed bridge has a longer span than the current bridge.

**Managed Lands and Trails** – Nelson reported on an abundance of trail maintenance performed by volunteers over the past month. There is still some work to do.

**Other Business** – Local state legislators and agents of NH-DRED will attend the Board of Selectmen meeting on Wednesday, June 28, at 3:00 pm. The purpose is to discuss NH-DOT's decision to classify Irene's Way – aka Fisherman's Road, the public access to White Lake – as a Class III state recreational road. This change in classification gives the state complete control over the road.

**Adjourn** – There being no other business brought before the Commission, Batch moved, Rich seconded, meeting adjourned at 8:48 pm.

*Submitted by Chris Conrod, TCC Administrative Assistant.*