

Tamworth Conservation Commission

Draft Minutes – August 12, 2013

Draft minutes to be reviewed and approved at a subsequent meeting

Call to Order – Nelson called meeting to order at 7:02 pm. Commissioners present were Nelson O'Bryan, Rich Gerard and William Batchelder. Absent commissioners: Ned Beecher, Chele Miller and Bob Seston. Alternates present were Eric Dube and John Watkins.. Nelson appointed Eric and John to sit in the vacant commissioner's chairs.

Also present: Steve Gray, Selectman; Mark Lane; Sam Martin; Sheldon Perry; and John Mersfelder.

Approval of Minutes for 07/08/13 – Nelson corrected the spelling of Diana Louise's name. Batch moved to accept as corrected. Eric seconded, motion carried.

Proposed Plaque at Fire Tower – Sheldon Perry, as a member of an ad hoc memorial plaque committee, reminded the TCC of the recent passing of Dana Steele. The committee would like to install a plaque in the fire tower, on the side facing the village. The plaque would contain one of Dana's poems, *Great Hill Firetower*, and proposed dimensions are 11" w x 16" h. Rich moved to grant permission for placing the plaque in the fire tower. Eric seconded. Motion carried.

Administrative

Announcements

NH-DES Wetlands Bureau sent a request for more information to Juniper Land Trust concerning the permit application for tax map 401/7. Batch has already investigated this application and found no problem with it.

Received letter from Jim Hoenscheid, Club Motorsports, announcing an intention to start construction on or after August 8, 2013.

Treasurer's Report – Nelson stated that TCC has spent 23% of annual budget to date.

Wetlands and Sub-surface Committee: Wetlands Matters

Juniper Land Trust – covered in announcements.

Butler's Bridge Replacement – Received letter from Dubois & King requesting input on the planned replacement of the Route 113 bridge over the Bearcamp River in Whittier. Nelson turned it over to the W&S Committee to determine if any action is necessary.

Committee/Coordinator Reports

Selectmen – Steve Gray asked about the date for the Mary Holland presentation. (Oct. 19)

Planning Board – Becca sent word that they have been working on subdivision ordinance revisions.

Conservation Lands Review Committee

Floyd: Tom Howard has submitted his opinion of value on the two lots south of Route 25. Ned will talk with Bob Floyd about this later. Received bill from Tom Howard for \$750.00. Rich moved to accept bill and pay it out of the professional fees line. John seconded. Motion carried.

Reich and Gilman West: SPNHF has requested Thorne Surveyors to make some modifications to the plat on the Reich property. SPNHF board has approved purchasing the Gilman West with stipulations proposed by the landowners. The Purchase and Sale agreement will be signed in October and then fundraising will begin.

Public Education and Outreach

Pollinator Talk – Nelson announced that Shannon's talk was very well done and well attended.

Trail Map – Nelson is still working on the revisions.

Easement Monitoring

SPNHF has sent the annual reminders for monitoring easements.

Chris Alt is working with an attorney concerning the family easements. He will get back to the TCC when he has something to propose.

Managed Lands and Trails

Nelson announced that the meeting with Bob Hardy concerning trails and trail maintenance in Hemenway State Forest has yet to be scheduled.

Adjourn – There being no other business brought before the Commission, Batch moved, Eric seconded, motion carried 7:43 pm.

Submitted by Chris Conrod, TCC Administrative Assistant.