

Tamworth Conservation Commission

Draft Minutes – February 13, 2012

Draft minutes to be reviewed and approved at a subsequent meeting

Call to Order – Ned called meeting to order at 7:04 pm. Commissioners present were Ned Beecher, Nelson O'Bryan, William Batchelder, Bob Seston, Chele Miller, and Margaret Rieser. Rich Gerard was absent. Ned appointed alternate Charlie Townsend to sit in for Rich.

Also present: Skip Nason (Planning Board) and Sam Martin (videotaping)

Approval of Minutes for 01/09/2012 – Batch noted that the next to last sentence in Wetlands and Sub-surface Committee section, “Camping are” should read “Camping Area.” Chele moved to accept as corrected. Nelson seconded. Motion carried.

Administrative

Treasurer's Report – Margaret reported the Conservation Fund statement shows a balance of \$62,241.65. To date there have been no annual budget funds expended for 2012.

Announcements – Saving Special Places conference will be coming up in April. LRPC is looking for nominations for the annual Kim Ayers Award.

Membership recruiting – term expirations – Batch and Nelson will re-enlist. Possible candidates for new alternates were discussed.

Wetlands and Sub-surface Committee: Wetlands Matters

Special Use Permit – Map 422 / Lots 17 & 8 (Bemis Farm) – Skip reported that the PB accepted the application as complete and didn't see any problems with the proposed work.

Committee/Coordinator Reports

Planning Board – Skip Nason reported that the PB held a public hearing concerning changes recommended by FEMA. Paul King pointed out that the delineated flood zones are flawed. The Planning Board decided to not put the proposed revisions on the town meeting warrant until it can be determined what the effects would be on homeowners whose properties are erroneously included in the flood zone.

Conservation Lands Review Committee

1. **Osgood Road Parcel (414/32)** – Ned reported that there has been no new correspondence from the real estate agent or the land owner.
2. **Bearcamp Valley Farm** – Ned has talked with Bob Floyd. Bob is still interested in land conservation options for his farm. Bob was most grateful for the native wood pen and pen stand – created by Chele and Chris - presented to him in honor of successfully protecting the Beaver Brook lot.
3. **Beaver Brook Lot Conservation Easement** – The proposed easement has been delivered to the Community School. It will be reviewed by the trustees. Ned plans to attend the meeting. Chris said he would like to attend. A site walk will be arranged before signing.

Public Education and Outreach – Bob Seston and Carolyn Jones have met the Hikin' Heron Challenge. Chris will put an HH promo in the TamworthExchange.

Landfill Monitoring – February is scheduled month. Nelson and Batch plan to do it on Wednesday, February 15.

Managed Lands and Trails – White Lake/Black Spruce signs – Charlie says Eric (WLSP) can make signs. Nelson will scope out sites and lay out signs. He will also make suggestions for renaming trails to reduce confusion.

Other Business – Margaret asked if there was any complete inventory of conservation lands. The answer is no, inventories are outdated by the time they are published. GRANIT tries to keep its database updated but it's an impossible task. Local networking is the best method.

Adjourn – Batch moved, Nelson seconded, motion carried 7:39 pm.

Submitted by Chris Conrod, TCC Administrative Assistant.