

# **Tamworth Conservation Commission**

Draft Minutes – March 12, 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, Rich Gerard, Chele Miller, and Margaret Rieser.

Also present: Skip Nason (Planning Board)

**Approval of Minutes for 02/13/2012** – Batch moved to accept. Chele seconded. Motion carried.

## **Administrative**

**Treasurer's Report** – Margaret reported receipt of bill from town attorney for reviewing Beaver Brook conservation easement: \$402.50. Nelson moved to authorize payment, Chele seconded, motion carried.

## **Announcements –**

Saving Special Places conference will be coming up April 14.

One forestry notification for wetlands received from Don Johnson.

**Town Meeting** – Ned and Margaret will be ready to answer any questions or concerns raised at town meeting on March 14. Ned discussed the Planning Board line item for a build out analysis; he expressed a desire that TCC and any other interested parties are included in the planning of the build out analysis and he asked for a motion that TCC formally support funding the build out analysis. Chele moved, Margaret seconded, motion carried.

**Membership** – Batch and Nelson will re-enlist. Ned will request that the Selectmen reappoint them and then let Batch and Nelson know when it's all set for them to get sworn in.

**Officers for 2012** – The following proposed slate for officers was offered: Chairman, Ned Beecher; Vice Chairman, Nelson O'Bryan; Treasurer, Margaret Rieser; Secretary, Chele Miller. Bob moved to elect the slate, Batch seconded, motion carried.

## **Work Plan for 2012 –**

**Online Survey:** The idea of conducting a survey of the public's opinions and ideas concerning the Work of TCC, either online or through the mail, was discussed. Agreed to review the Tamworth Master Plan first to see what information is already available and then discuss the idea at the next meeting.

**Other Projects:** Bearcamp Valley Farm is the only active land conservation project at this time. Review of the Tamworth wetlands ordinance is due. If the Planning Board agrees to take this up, TCC would be involved. The apple trees at Waterfowl Haven could be released. Boundary lines at Waterfowl Haven, Black Spruce Bogs, and Remick Natural Area should be checked.

## **Wetlands and Sub-surface Committee: Wetlands Matters**

There are no current wetland issues that need attention of the committee. Rich expressed an interest in joining the committee. There being no objections raised, he is now a member of the Wetlands and Sub-surface Committee. Ned will touch base with Bryan Berling to confirm that he is still available for consultation.

## **Committee/Coordinator Reports**

**Planning Board** – Skip Nason reported that the Boynton property (Tax Map 413-18) has been conserved. Nine acres were held out for the House and other uses. The easement is held by SPNHF.

## **Conservation Lands Review Committee**

1. **Osgood Road Parcel (414/32)** – Ned wrote a letter (with input from John Mersfelder) to the landowner, providing information concerning land protection options. There has been no response to date.
2. **Bearcamp Valley Farm** – No further developments since last meeting.
3. **Beaver Brook Lot Conservation Easement** – Easement has been reviewed by town attorney and signed by the Selectmen. The Community School will sign soon. Chele moved to authorize Ned to sign the easement for TCC. Nelson seconded, motion carried. The easement is expected to be recorded by next week.

**Public Education and Outreach** – The administrative assistant will post a Hikin' Heron promo on the Tamworth Exchange.

**Easement Monitoring** – Rich is working on getting up to date. Last year's obligations appear to have been met.

**Landfill Monitoring** – Nelson and Batch reported that it has been completed.

**Managed Lands and Trails** – White Lake/Black Spruce trail signs – Nelson talked to Eric at the NH Parks Department about making new signs. Eric will look into it, but it might be too late for this season but they could be done next winter. Big Pines – Chele will contact Bob Hardy and ask for a progress report on rehabilitating the Big Pines sign.

**Adjourn** – There being no other business brought before the Commission, Margaret moved, Batch seconded, motion carried 8:47 pm.

*Submitted by Chris Conrod, TCC Administrative Assistant.*