

Tamworth Conservation Commission

Draft Minutes – November 11, 2011

Draft minutes to be reviewed and approved at a subsequent meeting

Call to Order – Ned called meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Commissioners present were Ned Beecher, William Batchelder, Rich Gerard, Margaret Rieser, Chele Miller and Bob Seston (≈10 minutes late). Nelson O'Bryan was absent. Ned appointed alternate Charlie Townsend to sit in for Nelson.

Also present were Skip Nason (Planning Board) and David Little (Planning Board)

Approval of Minutes – Chele moved to accept minutes as written. Rich seconded. Motion carried.

Administrative

Treasurer's Report – Received dues invoice from NHACC (\$235). Chele moved to pay dues. Batch seconded, motion carried. Annual budget balance remaining is \$1794. Rich had expenses of \$68.50 when attending NHACC Annual Meeting. Margaret moved to reimburse Rich for expenses. Chele seconded, motion carried.

Announcements –

1. Forest Laws for Mun. officials, a workshop provided by UNH-CE, is available for those interested.
2. Group membership available for Conservation Commissions to join NHANRS; \$20/year. They provide some worthwhile workshops and membership would result in a savings if commissioners attended any workshops. TCC will think about it.

NHACC annual Meeting – Rich reported on meeting. Dick Ober was keynote speaker. Hot topics were local food, trails, phosphorus vs. water quality.

Taking Action for Wildlife; Madison Meeting – Ned went. Opportunities: public relations/education, presentations, wildlife sighting reporting. General agreement that TCC is not interested in the technical services aspect but it would be nice to invite someone from the Taking Action for Wildlife team to do a public presentation in town.

Landfill Monitoring – Batch and Nelson completed their monitoring; high methane compared to previous measurements, possibly due to all the rain.

Committee/Coordinator Reports

Planning Board – Skip Nason reported that recent activity has focused on the proposed cell tower on Washington Hill. It will need to go to the ZBA for a special exception (height).

Conservation Lands Review Committee – Has not met since last meeting; the Reich project is on hold and the land survey probably won't happen until spring, 2011.

Public Education and Outreach – Trail maps have been updated on the web site. Chele is working with 4H on a Hikin' Heron project.

Easement Monitoring – In progress. Some are completed, some are scheduled, some are being scheduled.

Managed Lands and Trails – Nelson had reported to Ned earlier that the Big Pines sign is not back up yet. Chele will check with Bob Hardy to offer help and ask if TCC could put up a temporary sign. Chris Conrod offered to make a simple temporary sign.

Other Business – David Little provided handouts describing changes to the NH *Shoreland Water Quality Protection Act*. The changes appear to loosen restrictions.

Adjourn – Margaret moved; Rich seconded, motion carried 8:05 pm.

Submitted by Chris Conrod, TCC Administrative Assistant.