

Tamworth Conservation Commission

Draft Minutes – December 12, 2011

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, Rich Gerard, Chele Miller and Bob Seston. Margaret Rieser was absent at the beginning of the meeting (she arrived at 8:20 pm). Ned appointed alternate Charlie Townsend to sit in for Margaret.

Also present were Skip Nason (Planning Board), John Roberts (Selectman), Sam Martin, and Chris Conrod.

Approval of Minutes for 11/14/2011 – Chele moved to accept minutes with the correction of the date in the header to read November 14, 2011. Nelson seconded. Motion carried.

Administrative

Treasurer's Report – Ned reported that he and Margaret met with the Selectmen concerning the proposed 2012 TCC budget. The Selectmen did not indicate any problems or concerns.

Announcements – TCC got a copy of wetlands notification to DES by PSNH for utility work

Plans for 2012 – Ned reminded Batch and Nelson that their terms expire in 2012. They should be ready to inform TCC of their intent prior to March, 2012.

Ned suggested reviewing tasks, projects in progress, and loose ends that should be addressed by March. The following is a list of things, identified by discussion, that need to be done:

Land Protection Efforts

SPNHF-held easements: should TCC continue monitoring them?

Beaver Brook Easement finalized.

A few Western Field loose ends to tie up.

Bearcamp Valley Farm project.

Lands and Trails Managed by TCC

Easy Walker bog bridge

Bog bridge near Big Pines foot bridge

Bearcamp River Trail (after NH F&G timber harvest this winter)

White Lake signs and trail names – Charlie will talk with Eric at WLSP.

Waterfowl Haven footbridge – Bob will talk with Jim Bowditch/CLA.

Inspect Swift River bridge and fire tower for maintenance needs.

Big Pines sign: John Roberts willing to donate pole and equipment time.

Public Education and Outreach

Question was raised by Sam Martin: Is the Hikin' Heron challenge restricted to Tamworth residents? Consensus of Commissioners is no, it is open to anyone.

Annual Report – Nelson (TCC Secretary) agreed to write a report of TCC activities during 2011 for inclusion in the Town Annual Report.

Committee/Coordinator Reports

Selectmen – John R. reported all is well.

Planning Board – Skip Nason reported Florida Towers application for an AT&T cell tower was denied for height and camouflage reasons. It has been appealed to the ZBA.

Easement Monitoring – Margaret completed Cave inspection; report forthcoming.

Other Business – none

Adjourn – Chele moved, Nelson seconded, motion carried 7:56 pm.

Submitted by Chris Conrod, TCC Administrative Assistant.