

TAMWORTH CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Draft Minutes

January 18, 2010

Draft minutes to be reviewed, amended as needed, and approved at a subsequent meeting.

Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chair Ned Beecher.
- Members present were Bill Batchelder, Ned Beecher, Kathy Bunker, David Little (Planning Board Representative), Margaret Rieser, Nelson O'Bryan, and Charlie Townsend.

Approval of Minutes

Two corrections for the draft December 14, 2009 minutes were noted:

- "CLF" bulbs should be "CFL".
- Landfill monitoring: Replace "None of the outside wells showed leakage of methane." With "Methane was detected in the inside-the-fence wells, but not in the outside-the-fence wells – which is normal."
- Landfill monitoring: Change "Ned will mark..." to "Nelson marked two wells..."

Bill Batchelder moved, and Margaret Rieser seconded, to accept the revised minutes. The motion passed with no objection.

Administrative

Budget

Charlie Townsend asked if there were any expenditures for 2009 that had not been presented. No one had any. The question arose as to whether the dues to the NH Association of Conservation Commissions should be paid with 2009 funds. Charlie moved to pay the dues and Margaret seconded. The motion passed.

NH DES

TCC received a letter notifying the commission that, in 2006, a complaint had been made against Riverbend R.V. Resort regarding a violation of the Shoreland Protection Act. The Resort worked with DES to remediate the situation and DES has now closed the file.

Membership

- Nelson O'Bryan has been accepted and sworn in as a full member.
- Ned with speak with David Haskell about his involvement.
- Everyone is encouraged to find others who might be interested in joining the commission.

Committee / Coordinator Reports

Planning Board Representative

- David Little reported that the Land Use Regulations Committee meets the third Wednesday of every month.

Easement Monitoring

- Nothing new to report

Managed Lands and Trails Committee

- Remick boundary adjustment/definition – The Remick Foundation was not interested in the \$200 offered by TCC for the survey work. Both parties agree that this is being dropped.
- Discussion of enhancing the TCC brochure, last revised in 2007. Get edits to Batch by 2/1 for publication. Some suggestions were to include the Great Hill Fire Tower and include a write-up on the Waterfowl Haven.
- New trail map boxes are needed for Jackman Pond (2), Waterfowl Haven, and Black Spruce Bogs (1 or 2).
- Easy walkers trail at Big Pines needs to be re-marked and description updated.
- Signs to the Great Hill Fire Tower: Margaret and Nelson will work together on a plan to be presented in the Feb. meeting.

Ordinance Review

- Nothing new.

Outreach, Publications, Publicity, Education

- Bill Batchelder presented the annual report that was written with assistance from Ned. It will be submitted after one more small addition from Ned.

Landfill Monitoring

- The next monitoring is scheduled for February.

Well Head/Aquifer Protection & Water Quality Monitoring

- GMCG will speak to all watershed planning boards in Feb. regarding the developing aquifer protection work being done by the six towns in the watershed. They are scheduled in Tamworth at the 2/24 Planning Board meeting.
- As part of the outreach regarding trails, Margaret will check with the Bearcamp Trackers to see if they could lead a hike on the weekend of 2/20-2/21. Other seasonal hikes were discussed.

Land Acquisition & Easements

- Over \$107,500 has been raised for the Gilman Forest Protection Project.
- Another \$10,000 seems very likely.
- It appears that the \$12,000 challenge that was created by four generous donors will be met by the January 31st deadline.

Agricultural Matters

- The GMCG land acquisition that included the Behr land was completed, with the closing, at the end of 2009.

Master Plan Implementation/2010 Goals

- Plans for 2010 will include enhancing the documentation and publication of trails, as well as trail upkeep.
- Filling in the easement baseline documentation gaps will be a priority.
- Tower painting was also mentioned as a goal that would make TCC's work more visible.

Adjournment

Kathy Bunker moved, and Bill Batchelder seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 PM. The motion passed with no objection.