

**draft MINUTES  
Gilman Forest Fundraising Committee  
of the Tamworth Conservation Commission  
Friday, February 5, 2010**

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

**Present:** Ned Beecher, David Little, John Mersfelder, Chele Miller, Nelson O'Bryan, Kate Thompson

Meeting called to order by Chair John Mersfelder at 9:45 am.

Nelson reported that the total raised so far is \$117,241 in total donations, including what the Forest Society is contributing and holding, plus \$10,000 in certain pledges.

The match was satisfied. It involved 4 individuals. Nelson will provide the number of contributors that responded to this challenge, along with the range of contributions – providing a data to help stress that the match led to lots of smaller contributions. Ned and John will write a special letter of thanks to the 4 creators of the match.

Fundraising still to go: \$12,759.

Next steps:

The Tamworth Foundation is willing to contribute to the project. Ned and John will meet with them in late February. Approach will be to ask for \$12,759 minus what we get pledged from Freeto sisters to ensure the completion of the project. We will have a specific amount to tell the Foundation when we meet with them. Nelson moved, Katy seconded, all approved. Ned will contact Tom Howe about approaching the Freetos now for this final push. David will ask the Foundation Board members about meeting with them the 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, or 25<sup>th</sup> of February and let John and Ned know.

There was discussion about making an announcement when the fundraising / project is complete. It was agreed that it would be helpful to have good publicity coming out of this. It was agreed not to publish individual names of contributors, but to tout the large number of contributors. A news release would be good. More discussion and planning on this later.

Adjournment: Ned moved and Nelson seconded and all agreed to adjourn at 10:35.