

TAMWORTH CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes

March 8, 2010

Draft minutes to be reviewed and approved at a subsequent meeting.

Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order by Chair Ned Beecher at 7:01 pm.
- Members present were Bill Batchelder, Ned Beecher, Kathy Bunker, David Little (Planning Board Representative), Nelson O'Bryan, Margaret Rieser and Charlie Townsend.

Approval of Minutes

- The minutes of the meeting of February 8, 2010 should be corrected to read "Notification was received from the State of NH of the plan to harvest timber on Dept. of Fish and Game property in the Hackett Hill Management Area."
- Bill Batchelder moved, and Kathy Bunker seconded, to approve the minutes as corrected. The motion passed with no objection.

Administrative

Membership

- Dave Haskell's term has expired and he is no longer able to continue on the Commission.
- Scott Aspinall and Bryan Berlind will continue as alternates.
- Chele Miller has been approached about becoming a member of the Commission.
- Nelson O'Bryan will post a notice on the Tamworth Exchange to see if others may be interested.
- Ned Beecher will approach Bob Seston to see if he is interested.

Committee / Coordinator Reports

Planning Board Representative

- David Little reported that the combined Wetlands and Waiver Application was approved. David Little will provide the forms electronically for inclusion in the member handbook.
- The Cell Tower Application was revised.
- The Green Mountain Conservation Group's presentation on aquifer protection was postponed due to weather.

Family Day/Earth Day

- Members will check with schools and other organizations to see what if any plans there are for celebration of the 40th Earth Day. Ned Beecher will check with the Tamworth Outing Club, Kathy Bunker will check with the Energy Committee, Nelson O'Bryan will check with the Wonalancet Outdoor Club.
- Kathy Bunker and Margaret Rieser will be liaisons between local groups and the Commission.

Managed Lands and Trails Committee

Brochure

- The Chairmanship of this committee is open and will be filled at the April meeting. Ned Beecher will approach Scott Eldridge. Margaret Rieser is also willing to accept the position.
- Bill Batchelder presented a revised copy of the TCC Trails brochure. Slight revisions were suggested.
- Nelson O'Bryan moved, and Margaret Rieser seconded, to approve the expenditure of \$245.66 for printing 1,000 copies of the TCC Trails brochure. The motion passed with no objection. Bill Batchelder will bring the document to the printer.

Map Boxes

- Bill Batchelder will obtain and prepare mailboxes to be used for trail maps at the Fire Tower, Black Spruce, Jackman Pond (2), and Wildfowl Haven. Nelson O'Bryan will assist with the installation. If possible, boxes will be mounted on trees.
- Kathy moved, and Margaret Rieser seconded, to direct Bill Batchelder to obtain 5 mailboxes at a cost of \$90, plus required mounting hardware, not to exceed \$20. The motion passed with no objection.

Remarking of Easy Walkers Trail and Earle Remick Trail

- Margaret Rieser will assess these trails to see what is needed.

Great Hill Fire Tower Signs

- Chris Conrod is making the signs. One section of the trail was unnamed and will now be called “Betty’s Path”.
- Margaret Rieser will notify the Tamworth Outing Club and the Wonalancet Outdoor Club of the naming. She will purchase any necessary hardware for the signs and be reimbursed.

Posting of Jackman Pond Trail

- Nelson O’Bryan has identified a source for signs.
- Ned Beecher will request permission from the Select Board to post the signs.
- The matter will then be tabled since the snow has melted.

Filling Map Boxes

- Bill Batchelder will fill the map boxes.
- Ned Beecher and David Little will create a map for Wildfowl Haven.

Outreach, Publications, Publicity, Education

- The walk led by the Bearcamp Trackers was well attended.
- Bird Walks will be held on Wednesdays starting on April 21, 2010.

Wetlands and Subsurface Committee

- Ned Beecher will consult with Jim Alt and Scott Aspinall about planning a bridge to span the new channel the beavers have created.

Wetlands Matters

- A Complete Forestry Notification for Jim Bowditch was received.
- A Complete Forestry Notification for James and Mary Smith on Brown Hill Road was received.

Land Acquisition & Easements

Gilman Project

- Fundraising has been completed ahead of the May deadline, thanks to Nelson O’Bryan, David Little, John Mersfelder, Kate Thompson and Chele Miller.
- Budgeted expenses are being reviewed.
- Details of the easement are being worked out with the Society for the Protection of NH Forests.
- Committee members will meet with neighbors to reserve their right to continue activities such as ski trail grooming and horseback riding on the property.

Other Business

Non-Public Session

- Nelson O’Bryan moved, and Kathy Bunker seconded, to go into non-public session to discuss property interests in which public disclosure at this time would impact negotiations. A roll call vote was taken with each member voting in the affirmative.
- Margaret Rieser moved, and Nelson O’Bryan seconded, to seal the minutes of the non-public session until March 8, 2013. The motion passed with no objection.

Adjournment

Kathy Bunker moved, and Bill Batchelder seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 pm. The motion passed with no objection.