

Tamworth Conservation Commission
Draft Minutes – June 14, 2021, Tamworth Town Office
Draft minutes to be reviewed and approved at a subsequent meeting

Call to Order – Nelson O'Bryan called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm. Commissioners present were Nelson O'Bryan, Kit Morgan, Chele Miller, Jeremy Phillips, Charlie Townsend and Anneliese Smith. Commissioners absent: Stephanie Doyle. Alternates present: William Batchelder, Lucy Gatchell and Eric Dube. Alternates absent: Lucy Gatchell and Ned Beecher.

Also present: Randall Dearborn, Planning Board; Melanie Streeter, Select Board.

Approval of Minutes for 5/12/2021 – Jeremy moved to accept the minutes as written. Eric seconded, motion carried.

Administrative and Announcements

Announcements

Received copy of the Green Mountain Conservation Group (GMCG) latest newsletter.

Received copy of New Hampshire Audubon's 2020 edition of *The State of the Birds*.

Kit reported that GMCG has been doing an analysis of stream crossing infrastructure within the Ossipee Lake watershed. Bridges and culverts in Tamworth are scheduled to be done this summer. When exact dates are known he will announce them for those interested in observing the process.

Financial – Charlie reported that he hasn't received the monthly statement. He needs a hard copy of the internet domain invoice in order to have a check written. Ned Beecher should be able to provide that.

Planning Board – Randall reported that on June 9 the board had a hearing for proposed amendments to Chapter 7 of the Master Plan. There are three subdivisions coming up for review, including a 16 unit apartment complex on Route 16. A groundwater protection subcommittee has been formed. Kit and Jeremy have volunteered to be TCC members of the committee. Ned Beecher has offered to provide a historical perspective. Discussion included reviewing ordinances of neighboring towns and addressing groundwater extraction issues.

Select Board – Melanie reported that on June 3 the Select Board held a public hearing on a proposed solar panel array that would include using some of the Tamworth Recreation Area. Most people were against it. The Select Board is inventorying junkyards, including properties that have multiple unregistered cars. Glenn Johnson is home from the hospital and should be back to work soon.

Conservation Easements/Land Protection

Lunt Ledge – Nelson reported that Scott Aspinall is meeting with neighbors. The Conservation Land Review Committee would like to see a commitment to an easement from landowners of key parcels before formally taking on the project.

Public Education & Outreach

Summer Camp Sponsorships – Lucy, with the help of Donna Ulitz at Brett School, has identified three Tamworth students to participate in Tin Mountain Conservation Center programs this summer. Two would get \$200 sponsorships and one would get a \$100 sponsorship. Eric moved to approve expending \$500 for sponsorships to summer camps. Jeremy seconded, motion carried.

SPARCnet Salamander Census – Chris Conrod reported that he would like to do a summer (July or August) salamander count this year and asked if the TCC is willing to invite the public

now that the pandemic is supposedly under control. The consensus was that it would be OK. Chris will inform the commission when he picks a date.

Wetlands and Shorelands –

Logging on Chocorua Road – Nelson reported that he has been informed of concerns about logging occurring on Chocorua Road lots that previously had wetland issues with NH-DES. Melanie suggested that Noah Hoffman of NH-DRA be asked to look into it.

Managed Lands and Trails – Trail maintenance duties have mostly been completed. Kit asked about the eroded section of the loop trail in Big Pines Natural Area. Nelson said he would contact the NH Division of Forest Lands and talk to them about it.

Adjourn – There being no other business brought before the Commission, Chele moved, Jeremy seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:58 pm.

Submitted by Chris Conrod, TCC Administrative Assistant.