

Tamworth Conservation Commission
Draft Minutes – August 8, 2022, 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 7:02 pm. Commissioners present were Nelson O'Bryan, Charlie Townsend, Jeremy Phillips, Dylan Alden and Eileen Shelly. Commissioners absent: Kit Morgan, Alternates present: Lucy Gatchell and Chele Miller. Alternates absent: Stephanie Doyle and Ned Beecher. Nelson appointed Lucy and Chele to fill empty seats.

Also present: Randall Dearborn, Planning Board; Kelly Goodson, Selectboard.

Approval of Minutes for 07/11/2022 – Eileen moved to accept the minutes with the correction that 84% of the budget remains available, not expended. Dylan seconded, motion carried. Jeremy abstained.

Administrative and Announcements

Received Eversource flyer concerning utility R.O.W. clearing work.

The Selectmen's office is encouraging all town boards and departments to use tamworthnh.org email accounts. Contact Keats Myer about getting an email address.

Financial – Charlie reported that there is still 84% of the annual Budget remaining. Charlie moved to approve payment of \$900 to Green Mountain Conservation Group for water quality testing. Jeremy seconded, motion carried.

Planning Board – Randall reported that a subdivision has been approved for 1679 Depot Road. The Ground Water Protection Committee will hold a public hearing on September 14. The Planning Board continues to review the Subdivision Ordinance.

Selectboard – Kelly reported that the Town now owns two of the non-conforming “junkyards,” acquired by tax collector deeds. So now the Town has to clean them up. The online tax maps and overlays are now available. <https://www.axisgis.com/tamworthnh> Everyone is welcome to check it out. Comments can be sent to Emily Verny assessing@tamworthnh.org. The Town Office will be getting some new doors that are ADA/fire code compliant.

Easement Monitoring – It's never too early to get started.

Public Education and Outreach – Not too many Hikin' Heron patches being requested. It's time to do some promotion work.

Wetlands – Received a copy of the latest restoration progress report for the Bogart property on Chocorua Road.

Managed Lands and Trails

Betty Steele Loop Relocation – There is still some work to do on the relocation. Nelson will schedule a morning shift and an afternoon shift on a weekday. Volunteers can choose which one they want to attend.

Trail Signs – There are three new trail signs needed for the relocated trail. Nelson moved to approve spending up to \$100 for the signs. Dylan seconded, motion carried.

Tamworth Community Nurse Association Handicapped Accessible Trail – They are considering locating the trail to the North of Chocorua Lake and using the Hammond Trail parking area. It should be enlarged. It needs to be worked out between the TCNA, the landowner, and the US Forest Service.

Other Business – Jeremy announced that the Ground Water Protection Committee will have a booth at the August 20 Farmer's Market. The committee is close to having a first draft of the ordinance ready for public review. Kelly said she hasn't given up on contacting indigenous residents regarding participation in town matters.

Adjourn Public Session – There being no other business brought before the Commission, Chele moved to close the public meeting, Charlie seconded. Public session adjourned at 7:54 pm.

Proposal to Rectify Subdivision of the Perkins Conservation Easement

Nelson reported that Christine Filmore, attorney for the Town of Tamworth, has submitted a proposal to rectify the legal issues caused by the subdivision of the Perkins easement. She recommends that the details of the proposal be kept non-public until there is a formal agreement. Nelson made a motion to enter a non-public session under RSA 91-A:3, II(e) and (l). Jeremy seconded; motion carried by unanimous vote.

[Sealed minutes]

Nelson explained that a vote was needed to seal the minutes of the non-public session longer than 72 hours. He moved that the minutes be sealed until such time that the proposal is finalized, as authorized under RSA 91-A:3, III. Jeremy seconded, motion carried by unanimous vote.

Nelson moved to adjourn the non-public session. Jeremy seconded, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:08 pm.

Submitted by Chris Conrod, TCC Administrative Assistant.