

Tamworth Conservation Commission
Minutes of March 13, 2023, Tamworth Town Office
Minutes accepted at May 8, 2023 TCC meeting

Call to Order – Nelson O'Bryan called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm. Commissioners present were Nelson O'Bryan, Charlie Townsend, Dylan Alden and Kit Morgan. Commissioners absent: Eileen Shelly. Alternates present: Ned Beecher, Chele Miller and Lucy Gatchell. Alternates absent: Stephanie Doyle. Nelson appointed Ned, Chele and Lucy to fill empty seats. Jeremy Phillips arrived at 7:30, at which point Ned stepped back and Jeremy took his appointed seat. Also present: Kelly Goodson, Selectboard.

Approval of Minutes for 02/13/2023 – Ned moved to accept the minutes as written. Dylan seconded, motion carried.

Administrative and Announcements

Nelson reported that the parking area on state forest land at the intersection of Old Mail Road and Chinook Trail, near the Swift River bridge, will be closed to public parking from June 11 to October 28 (the duration of the bridge replacement work).

Financial – Charlie reported that he has yet to receive a budget statement from the Finance office. He will check in with Elaine Sherman and also ask about LUCT funds for 2022.

Planning Board – Nelson reported that the Bearcamp Center subdivision for reuniting the Perkins Easement ownership issue is scheduled for the March 22nd Planning Board meeting.

Selectboard – Kelly reported that there are still openings for transfer station attendant and assistant tax clerk. The Town House second floor emergency exit has to be reviewed by an engineer before repairs can be made. In four days Kelly will be in Ecuador.

Public Education and Outreach

History Center Summer Exhibit – Nelson reported that he, Dylan and Eileen will be meeting shortly to put together plans for a TCC exhibit at the History Center this summer.

Camp Sponsorships – Ned reported that he is in contact with the Brett School and so far, they have one student lined up for a program at Squam Lakes Natural Science Center. TCC can take on two more sponsorships at \$200 each. Ned will post again on the Tamworth Exchange.

Conservation Land

Christopher Alt Easements – The Forest Society lawyers recommend that the two easements the Town of Tamworth will continue to hold, Chris Alt's home lot and the Mill Brook buffer on the home lot (the 2013 easement overlaps the earlier easement), should be amended to have similar language and to reflect the more protective provisions.

Perkins Easement – was already covered above in the Planning Board section.

Other Business

Kelly mentioned that there is an ongoing debate between Tamworth and Sandwich concerning the perambulation of the town line south of Route 25. The town attorney has been working on it and it is beginning to cost a lot of money.

Nelson reported that the Selectboard recommends that all town boards have a Zoom option at their meetings. Agreed to set up Zoom for the April meeting. It is believed that there is enough tech-savvy among the commissioners to set up and run all the hardware, including the owl (species nonspecific).

Election of Officers for 2023 – Lucy moved to nominate and elect Nelson O'Bryan, Chair; Kit Morgan, Vice-Chair; and Charlie Townsend, Treasurer. Jeremy seconded, motion carried. All three accepted their landslide victories. However, Nelson warned that his appointed term as a TCC commissioner will be done next March and he would no longer be serving as the Chairman.

More Other Business – Kit reported that he had watched an online tutorial for using GIS data on his cell phone for doing easement inspections. It was helpful but he's having a problem downloading data from NH-GRANIT. Nelson said that the state tutorials were useful and he would provide links to them. Dylan said that she is using the data and app for her easement inspections and she would be happy to serve as a technical advisor for loading GRANIT shape files into cell phones.

Adjourn – There being no other business brought before the Commission, Jeremy moved, Kit seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:07 pm.

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