

Tamworth Conservation Commission
Minutes – July 10, 2023, Tamworth Town Office
Reviewed and approved at TCC meeting of August 14, 2023

Call to Order – Nelson O'Bryan called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm. Commissioners present were Nelson O'Bryan, Teresa Fournier, Dylan Alden, and Kit Morgan. Commissioners absent: Eileen Shelly, Jeremy Phillips and Charlie Townsend. Alternates present: Lucy Gatchell. Alternates absent: Ned Beecher and Stephanie Doyle. Nelson appointed Lucy to fill an empty seat. Also present: Nick Grant, Planning Board and Steve Schaeffer, Selectboard.

Approval of Minutes for 06/12/2023 – Kit moved to accept the minutes with the correction in spelling of Fournier, under TCC Membership. Dylan seconded, motion carried.

Administrative and Announcements

Nelson announced that the Selectboard has appointed Teresa as a commissioner. She has been sworn in.

Financial – Nelson reported that TCC has not received any financial statements since the last report.

Planning Board – Nick Grant reported that the Board has been contacted about the proposal concerning placing a conservation easement on the Aspinall property. Nelson asked to hold discussion on that until the Conservation Easements/Land Protection agenda item.

Selectboard – Steve Schaeffer reported that the Board is looking for someone to represent Tamworth on the Mount Washington Valley Economic Council.

Easement Monitoring – Nelson reported that the NH Conservation Land Stewardship Program visited Tamworth on June 14 to inspect the three conservation easements held by Tamworth that were acquired under the Land Conservation Investment Program. They were satisfied with what they saw.

Public Education and Outreach

Household Hazardous Waste Day will be held August 5, 8:30 am to noon. Ossipee is not an option this year. Tamworth residents should go to Moultonborough town garage on Moultonborough Neck Road. Maude Anderson and Ellen Farnum are now Tamworth's co-coordinators for HHW Day.

Summer Camp Sponsorships – Nelson reported that TCC has not yet received invoices for two of the summer camp attendees.

Conservation Easements/Land Protection

Aspinall Lot – Nelson reported that Lakes Region Conservation Trust will be meeting tomorrow and may make a decision on the Aspinall proposal. If they choose to go ahead and a subdivision or property line adjustment is necessary, Nick Grant reported that a waiver for road frontage would be necessary. There is precedent for that. The applicant should have an informal meeting with the Planning Board to discuss it before filing an application.

Alt Consolidation – After reviewing the draft deed for transferring a number of conservation easements on Christopher Alt's property from Tamworth to the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests, Nelson moved to recommend to the Selectboard that they approve the transfer. Kit seconded, motion carried.

Chocorua Park – Peter Smart and Judy Reardon have reopened their proposal to place a conservation easement on the two properties that encompass the Chocorua River dam and the land between the dam and the Page Hill Road bridge. The original 2019 proposed draft easement had a number of problematic provisions. Nelson will seek further information from Peter and Judy to see if they have any new ideas.

Wetlands and Shorelands – Nelson was contacted about a landowner near the Swift River bridge on Route 113 placing fill on or near the bank of the river. He mailed a letter to the landowner stating that they needed to apply to NH-DES for approval to do the work. Nelson included a DES brochure in the mailing.

Managed Lands and Trails

Trail Work – Dylan reported that she received thanks for the clearing of a trail but she doesn't know who did the work.

Adjourn – There being no other business brought before the Commission, Dylan moved, Lucy seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Submitted by Chris Conrod, TCC Administrative Assistant.