

Tamworth Conservation Commission
Draft Minutes – November 13, 2023, 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 7:00 pm. Commissioners present were Nelson O'Bryan, Charlie Townsend, Teresa Fournier, Kit Morgan, Eileen Shelly and Jeremy Phillips.. Commissioners absent: Dylan Alden. Alternates present: Lucy Gatchell via Zoom. Alternates absent: Stephanie Doyle and Ned Beecher. Also present: Nick Grant, Planning Board; Richard Doucette, Select Board.

Approval of Minutes for 10/09/2023 – Kit moved to accept the minutes as written. Jeremy seconded, motion carried.

Administrative and Announcements

Received letter of thanks from Green Mountain Conservation Group for TCC's support of the water quality monitoring program.

Eileen has the data for the recent re-measurement of the champion white pine in the Big Pines Natural Area. She will email a copy to the commissioners. Richard claims to have the champion tamarack on his property, as well as other oddities probably planted by Fred Steele.

Moultonborough Conservation Commission will be hosting an informational program on Wetlands and Shoreland Applications and Protection at the Moultonborough Library, November 30th from 2:15pm-5:15pm.

Financial – Charlie reported that a bill of \$1800 for mowing Waterfowl Haven and the lower meadow on the Aspinall easement, owned by the Remick Foundation. The high cost was necessary because a tracked vehicle was needed to mow the black locust saplings.

Planning Board – Nick Grant reported on a number of meetings in the past month, mainly focused on the Groundwater Protection Ordinance and the Subdivision Ordinance revision. There will be a second public hearing for the Subdivision Ordinance revision.

Select Board – Richard Doucette reported that the Board will soon be advertising for an Enforcement Officer, who will be responsible for the Groundwater Protection Ordinance, Subdivision Ordinance and Floodplain Ordinance. The Board is looking into the possibility of making the recycling center a regional station, which would open up opportunities for grant money.

Conservation Easements/Land Protection

Holden – Cecile and Stephen Holden have contacted the Conservation Commission with a request that the town accept a donated conservation easement on two parcels, tax map/lot numbers 206/116 and 209/13. The lots have significant conservation value, mainly due to surface water frontage, primary recharge area for a stratified drift aquifer, prime wetlands and abutting conserved land. The only expense should be for legal consultation on the deed. Kit moved to recommend to the Select Board that the town accept the easement. Teresa seconded, motion carried. Nelson will get on the agenda for the next Select Board meeting.

Alt Consolidation – Forest Society attorneys are still reviewing the paperwork.

Aspinall Lot – The proposed easement is on the Planning Board agenda for this month. It will be a conceptual discussion concerning a waiver for road frontage.

Easement Monitoring – Jeremy reported that a few inspection reports have been submitted. The snow is coming; time to inspect the easements.

Wetlands/Shorelands – A multi-agency group proposes a regional study on the financial aspects of repairing/replacing sub-standard culverts and are asking for a letter of support. Charlie moved to support the study. Jeremy seconded, motion carried.

Managed Lands and Trails – Report any trail issues to Dylan.

Other Business – Teresa reported that the ruts on the Cave snowmobile trail have been repaired.

Adjourn – There being no other business brought before the Commission, Kit moved, Teresa seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Submitted by Chris Conrod, TCC Administrative Assistant.