

Town of Tamworth Planning Board **DRAFT MINUTES**
Community Forum, Land Use
October 19, 2009 at Town House, Tamworth Village
This Community Forum hosted by the Tamworth Conservation Commission

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The forum was designed to consider Land Use regulation from the Conservation perspective.

The facilitator gave a brief history of the Master Plan survey results and the purposes and results of the community forums. Ned Beecher has posted an email on the Tamworth Exchange (messages, # 10773) concerning the agenda, posing some questions, providing information, etc.

Discussion topics included:

Recreational land use, including:

Preserving trails and access for multiple uses, including sled dog races, an important historical and recreational part of Tamworth;

How much trail is needed to sustain the local recreational opportunities?

Is "permanent" trail establishment possible to secure trails for the long term?

Does current use require access to the land for recreational purposes?

How can Tamworth maintain swimming and boating access?

Conservation and recreational easements, public lands, owner-permitted access

A comprehensive catalog of trails is needed

Conservation/use/protection of open and ground water:

Prevention of damage/pollution to the aquifer, including primary attention to recharge rates

Are local regulations to protect ground water needed, or can Tamworth rely on State and regional protections?

Is there an inventory of rivers and streams in Tamworth?

There is a current effort by LRCC and GMCG to develop model regional aquifer protection regulations applicable to all the municipalities in the aquifer zone.

The roles of education and regulation in maintaining water quality.

General considerations:

Concern for protecting water is virtually universal among those present.

Land use rules, ordinances, and regulations have to be simple and enforceable.

Additional areas of concern:

Wildlife corridors

View sheds

Light pollution

Open space/town-owned land.

Next scheduled forum: Agriculture/Logging/Forestry; **Saturday, November 14, 10-12 a.m.**; Community School
Hosted by the Tamworth Farmers' Market and the Community School

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