

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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