**TAMWORTH PLANNING BOARD**

**Draft Work Session Minutes**

**June 12, 2019 7:00 P.M.**

1). Call Meeting to Order – The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Sheldon Perry. Present are Sheldon Perry, Andy Fisher, Kathi Padgett, Nicole Maher-Whiteside, Eric Dube, and Pat Farley. Dan Poirier-Selectmen’s Representative is absent.

Alternates Present: none

Alternates Absent: Dom Bergen

2). Master Plan Implementation Discussion with:

* Transfer Station – They are trying to use less electricity. He feels that they are as efficient as they can be with the existing station. Working with other towns has not worked, other towns would like us to be the recipient town. He has spoken to the State regarding having a County facility, and was told that it was a great idea and that he should build it. He did not have the funding. One of the issues with a regional project is how the cost for each town would be determined. Trucking is also an issue, what is a centrally located area. Recycling is not paying well. There has been a positive implementation of recycling. More frequent disposal of hazardous materials – he feels that if we could do it twice a year that would be great. It would be very expensive to do it on our own. Things he would like to see: fees are done by cubic yardage, they always have to guess at the price. He would like a set of scales. Other towns have scales. He will look into the price. Consider baling cardboard? They costs $65-85,000. Pat mentioned a “re-buy” store. Manning it and setting prices are the issues.
* Conservation Commission – Nelson O’Bryan and Chris Conrod are present on behalf of the Conservation Commission. They feel that they are following many of the recommendations that are in the Master Plan. A priority has always been to conserve land for habitat, agricultural use. They also strive to have contiguous protected properties. They are also trying to educate and inform the public. Increasing the trail system is a great idea but they need people to make and maintain them. Roughly 43% of Tamworth is under conservation easement/protected lands (State property, National Forest). Land trust owned lands are not necessarily protected, but many do have conservation easements. Town owned lands do not have conservation easements. Impacts and mitigations are considered on an individual case by case basis. Conservation commission has been providing scholarships and is now sponsoring attendance for one at Nature Camp with Tin Mountain. It is called Trail Blazing Tamworth. Tamworth no longer has a Wetlands Ordinance, but the Commission still receives notifications and are required to sign off on them. They are not involved with timber cutting on private property. They contribute to the Green Mountain Conservation Group water testing each year. They also do the quarterly gas testing at the old landfill. They provide a public forum to teach people what the results of that testing means. They are also following up on a discharge permit for Pine Tree Power. They are responsible for maintaining the trails and the fire tower.

They do not need anything new right now. They have seven commissioners and four alternates.

3). Old/New Business: Reminder from Pat - June 24 – don’t forget to make your reservations. It is BYOB, refrigerators will be available. Sheldon will send the information to Nicole.

4). Adjournment: Nicole made a motion to adjourn at 8:05 pm, Kathi seconded. The meeting was adjourned.

Go Bruins!