

PRESENT: John Mersfelder, Peter Cooperdock, Nat Steele, Ned Beecher, Chris Conrod, Lori Gerard, Peg King, Betty Steele

1. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.
2. Meeting with Kettenring. John reported 110 notices were sent, with six acceptances so far, five from Sandwich. Peter will see that a notice gets in the newspaper. Peg will take care of refreshment, cider and cookies; each Commission member to bring some non-disposable cups, then take them home. There should be a register and, if a small number of people, introductions. John will introduce Kettenring; Peter will talk about Tamworth ordinances.
3. Dredge and Fill. Bridge on Fowlers Mills Road, near intersection with 113A needs repairs to underpinnings, on side. Town wants to start now, but needs letter from Conservation Commission before Wetlands Board can approve application. Peter and John have looked at it, and talked over the plans with John Roberts. It was agreed to approve the plan as submitted and to write a letter to be left in Selectmen's office for John to pick up and hand deliver to Wetlands Board.

Ray Marsh - a letter has been received from Kettenring to say this file is awaiting a field visit to determine if filling is in excess of permit; Peter reported this visit was to take place today. With the letter was enclosed a copy of the April 23, 1991 permit, which supercedes the previous one. TCC should receive a report after the visit and if not received TCC should ask Wetlands Board for it.

Duck Pond. A letter from the state has said the Selectmen will be notified if dynamiting is to be done. Meanwhile, John has worked out another solution, to which Peter Merkeş of Water Resources has agreed - that is, to trap out the beaver and accept the offer of an anonymous donor to pay for this, since the state has no funds for it. John has unplugged the beaver pipe, but the sluiceway also needs to be unplugged. Peter agreed to help John with the sluiceway, to be done just before Harry Thompson traps. The dam repairs won't be done until spring. If Harry traps in winter, when pelts are better, he might not charge as much. There was discussion as to value of pond as it now is, but no general agreement.

Ambrose has done some mitigation work at the pit near Jackman Pond. He would be willing to sell back the right of way to TCC, possibly at a reduced rate. He wants to put in a pond and hopes for TCC support. Agreed to keep a dialogue going re TCC trail and re. Ambrose's future plans. It was agreed a letter should go to Wetlands Board to let them know TCC feels what Ambrose has done in regard to mitigation is good, but temporary. Ambrose should know about this, possibly by hand delivering his copy of the letter to the Wetlands Board and discussing with him the whole situation, including the TCC trail, and also to bring up the question of TCC access for monitoring. The Wetlands Board has notified Ambrose that it "strongly supports any cooperative means between yourself and the Conservation Commission to provide access around this important resource."

Marge Swope re copies of revised plans submitted to Wetlands Board being sent to TCC. This is not usually done, unless TCC has opposed or criticized original plan. It was agreed TCC would like to review all revised plans, even though it approved the original. It was suggested that a statement to this effect be included in each comment to the Board. Kettenring has told Peter the Board will now send TCC notice of any permit renewals.

Town of Tamworth - dry hydrant on Moot land near Narrows Bridge in Chocorua. Lori has looked at this and sent approval to the Wetlands Board.

Lloyd, Philbrick Road. Peter reported an informal conversation with Bob Lloyd and a visit to the area. He said it had been opened up and water is now coming down, so it appears more fill will be needed to get from the driveway off Philbrick Road to the open area. There is also access from Gardner Hill Road

but the Lloyds prefer not to use it. If more fill is needed it would disturb a wetland area and another dredge and fill permit would be needed as the one just granted was only for a culvert. It was suggested that Bob Lloyd might be told the TCC has checked area in its review, as usual, when a permit has been granted; that if the road is to be continued another dredge and fill permit would be needed. Bob won't do work until spring.

VOTE I - That Lori and Ned review the culvert and report back to the next TCC meeting. ~~£~~ (Moved by Peter, seconded by Peg).

Lindsay - no meeting has been scheduled to date for a hearing as Speers hasn't yet submitted his report.

4. Shorelines Protection Act, which goes into effect on January 1st. There is a meeting on this to discuss possible Town ordinances to complement the Act, which only set minimum standards, in Albany on September 29, and Laconia on November 16th. It was felt, however, that this was not a high enough priority in Tamworth, and that it wasn't necessary to attend a meeting.
5. Bryant Mill. Lori reported she had only seen the Phase III map, as Phase II had not been recorded at the time she searched for it. It was agreed it would be well to get Phase II. Lori will do this and talk with landowners. TCC would like public access to the Class 6 road further up the river from Route 113 which is owned by the Town. Only access now is along the edge of the river, which is not practical because of bankings.
6. Cave Easement - tour to start this Saturday, 9 a.m., with Willie Farnum, meeting at boat launch.
7. Aspinall Easement. A copy has been sent to LCIP. It was agreed that the original of this and of all other easements (if not the original, a copy showing registration date, etc.,) should go in Town vault. Chris and Ned will work on this.
8. Remick Natural area - guides to this trail and some markers are missing. Peter will take care of this.
9. Hemenway, former Garden Club trail. It was agreed it would be good to maintain this as a guided nature trail. Ned and Peter will work on it; a new brochure will be needed.
10. Minimum impact re logging by Scott Aspinall on Lindsay land, was reported.
11. Other reports. The state has issued a special use permit to Heidi Ludwig for special dog training in Search and Rescue, in October, on Hemenway State Forest. Lisa Thompson has ~~placed~~^{removed} a log for entrance-blocking at TCC Thompson land and probably would pay the cost involved; agreed to accept her offer.
12. Municipal Association is seeking nominations for Volunteer Awards.

VOTE II - To nominate John Mersfelder as a recipient. (Moved by Nat, seconded by Lori.)

The vote was passed, despite John's objections, and Peg will write the letter.

13. Workshops and courses were announced.
14. Time Capsule- John reported Chris did a fine job with photos for this, and that he wrote a paper to be included with photos in the Capsule.

Betty Steele