

TAMWORTH CONSERVATION COMMISSION - March 8, 1993

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

1. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.
2. TCC members. Harold Cook and Peter Cooperdock, whose terms are up now, do not want to accept reappointment. They deserve thanks for their years of service and a letter will go to them. It was agreed to put a notice in the paper to say there were two vacancies and asking anyone interested to get in touch with the Town Clerk. Then interviews will be set up. Some names suggested as possibilities: Ron Remick, Brian Cutter, Thad Berrier, Peter Smart, Judy Reardon. It was agreed, however, to take no further action until there had been time for response to the newspaper notice. Peg will call both newspaper correspondents, and also the Town Clerk.
3. Officers - Moved that the present officers be re-elected and that Chris Conrod be elected vice-chairman. (Moved by Betty, seconded by Peg.) VOTED, unanimously.
4. Town Warrant. Noted that Lori, as treasurer, should ask at the end of each year for any unexpended funds due TCC for the Conservation Fund.

Household hazardous waste is in the Warrant, under Dump, for \$1125, an amount based on participation, not population as in the past.

Warrant Article # 57, re Class VI roads. Tcc agreed that it would support this article. These are roads not maintained, but still owned by the Town. It was suggested that TCC bring a list of these to Town Meeting, in case of questions as to which they were.

5. Education - Tin Mt. at Brett School. John reported that School Meeting had voted \$1200 for this program, with the understanding that TCC would match this. TCC has requested \$500 in the appropriation and must raise an additional \$700.
6. Land Management - Frances Chapman. John had talked with her and walked over the land involved. He felt a 300' set back from the river easement would give her the protection wanted and still leave her the additional space she wants. It was suggested that the Chocorua Lake Conservation Foundation might be the organization to work with her rather than TCC. John will call the chairman, Alan Smith, to see if this is feasible. If it could not work out it was agreed TCC would accept the easement, wording to be based on one it already has. In this case the Selectmen should be consulted.
7. Jackman North-Ambrose. Chris has given Ambrose a copy of the old right of way and of the release of this right of way he just sold. Chris will continue to follow this.

Jackman - view. Scott Aspinall has requested, for the Community School, that two pine trees be removed from TCC land to give a view of Chocorua. After considerable discussion it was agreed that Chris would talk with Scott to discuss clearing not only these trees, but at the same time 8 - 12 more in a way to open up a view of the Sandwich Range and also some selective, light thinning between the trail and the pond in order to encourage undergrowth.

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9. Bearcamp Valley Greenway. Martha Carlson has reported it almost completed in Sandwich from Beedé's Falls to the Tamworth line. There was discussion as to how it could be brought along the Bearcamp through Tamworth. There was not enough information for any decision to be made. Chris will get more and report at the next meeting.
10. National Trails Day. Chris proposed a trail from the south end of Jackman to the Bearcamp and along the river to the state property. It is hoped to have community involvement. John asked Ned to coordinate this - Ned will check and let him know; Chris will help plan for it but will be involved with WODC on that day as he is on its trail committee.
11. Environmental Ordinances - Ned will have the list reproduced and will get it to Terry Woodward shortly.
12. Master Plan. The survey questionnaire has been completed. There will be an organizational meeting on March 22 for volunteers, and distribution will start March 28. TCC members have agreed to help with the distribution.
13. Complaint forms to Wetlands Board. John had samples of this, to be sent directly to the Wetlands Board, but with a copy to the local Conservation Commission. Peg will have these reproduced and give a supply to Terry Woodward, and will so notify the newspaper correspondents.

Betty Steele