

Tamworth Conservation Commission
Tamworth, NH 03886

May 10, 1993

PRESENT: John Mensfelder, Ned Beecher, Nat Steele, Chris Conrad, Lori Gerard
Peg King, Betty Steele

1. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

2. New members. Mike John, Supervisor of the Central N. H. Region of State Parks was present, and told of his various positions with State Parks, beginning in 1975 as a ranger at Mt. Washington State Park. He knows many people in state agencies, and looks to experts for his job. His job is time consuming, but *if* appointed to the Commission he will do what he can. He stayed through the whole meeting and at the end the following vote was passed:

VOTE I - The the name of Mike Johnson be forwarded to the Selectmen as as nominee for appointment to the Conservation Commission.
(Moved by Nat, seconded by Lori)

Note: Mike's address is P O Box 273, West Ossipee 03890, and telephone, which is not listed under: his name, 323-8012,

3. Easement - Chapman. The Selectmen question both the small size and isolation of this land, and would not approve unless there were other easements nearby. In view of this, it was felt tcc should not pursue *this* further, and that John could explain *this* to Mrs. Chapman, If at some future time others with land. adjacent proposed easements TCC would reconsider,

4. Jackman Pond North - Bridge and trail. Betty reported Mrs. Lindsay was agreeable to having the broken board on the bridge repaired. John read a letter from the Lindsays, written several days after Betty talked with her, requesting that TCC provide liability insurance for the ridge and trail within 30 days, if they were to remain open to the public, John had talked with Flanagan's Insurance to request a rider to cover this. Nat suggested our inquiries into this should be general enough to cover all trails and those working on trail clearing. John will let the Lindsays know we are looking into this. Meanwhile Chris will talk to them and see about replacing the broken borad now. Then, once the insurance is straightened out, he said the whole deck of the bridge should be replaced with better lumbar. Chris reported the papers with Ambrose have been passed for right of way, the deed has been registered and the new trail cleared.

5. Education - bird walks. Ned Beecher started conducting these on April 28, and they are well attended with interesting birds seen.

6. Wetlands - John has two copfes, unbound of the new regulations of the Wetlands Board. The Board will send us updates as they occur. Lori Kill buy binders.

7. Wetlands Board - Ricker. Board has visited site and reported no filling of wetlands. This was a duplicate of notice sent TCC last; fall.

8. Community School - John reported a note of thanks had been received for TCC contribution to help remove old junk, including an old bus.

9. Dredge and fill, Gilman Valley Road Project application for repairs to abutments to a bridge. Ned will contact the contractor, look at the site and take pictures. It was agreed the contractor and Wetlands Board should be advised that there be fabric or bale totally across brook to avoid siltation.



10. Trail has been flagged out from the Community School to State Fish and Game land, subject to school approval. Work on this will be done sometime after trail day, as Ned finds he will be unable to coordinate it then, and workers on it will be involved in projects for other organizations.
11. Earth Day funds - John gave to Lori and check for \$200 remaining funds from Earth Day which had been sent him by Katie Thompson. It was agreed that this should go into the general conservation fund.
12. Elm trees - Katie proposed that TCC might plant saplings of the new disease resistant elms not only to have elms in town once again, but to help promote research into development of these trees. There was considerable discussion of problems with tree planing from salt, from weed whacking and from other causes such had caused the maple TCC planted many years ago in front of The Other Store to die. These problems should be looked into carefully to insure any future plantings survive.
13. Fund Raising - Tin Mt. Conservation at Brett School. \$700 is needed. Ned will call lawyer at Municipal Association to find situation as to gifts to the Town as tax deductible. In the meanwhile, for this year, those donating will be asked to make out checks to Tin Mt. and send them to TCC. Ned is drafting a letter for use by members in soliciting. Each member is to bring in a list of those to be solicited, to the June meeting, so lists can be coordinated to avoid duplication. John reported Tin Mt. has thanked TCC for this support. Nat suggested in the fall TCC should get a notice that TCC was supporting this in several of Brett School's weekly newsletters.
14. Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day will be July 31st.
15. Chocorua Lake Conservation Foundation. John reported that at its recent meeting the following matters were reported or discussed: Repair of dam completed; funds appropriated for erosion control on east side of lake; concern of possible proliferation of rafts on lake; and monitoring of covenants.
16. Big Pines Trail Guides - Peg will give a supply to Lori.
17. Treasurer - it was agreed Lori should buy the two binders for Wetlands regulations and what materials were appropriate to keep her records in order.
18. Planning Board - Nat reported that the reason TCC did not receive Planning Boards minutes in the mail is that the Board did not want to send out any unapproved minutes, since changes of consequence might be made. Therefore a notebook of approved minutes is kept in the Town Office Building.

Betty Steele