

TAMWORTH CONSERVATION COMMISSION
TAMWORTH, N. H. 03886

TAMWORTH CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING - December 13, 1993

PRESENT: John Mersfelder, Lori Gerard, Nat Steele, Chris Conrod, Peg King,
Betty Steele

For Discussion of Master Plan - Paul Henle, Willie Farnum, Louis Wiesner,
Jeff Brothers

1. Discussion of Master Plan maps. Paul showed preliminary maps, as made by Lakes Region Planning Commission. Changes were discussed as to what should be included in relation to Conservation lands and easements. Many of these, especially the easements, vary in their terms, and cover such a small area that it presents difficulty in mapping.
2. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.
3. Alt Easement - John reported the Selectmen had signed the Alt easement on the "Damon lot."
4. Easement signs. Ned is working on these. He may contact Sheldon Perry who has equipment for this, and possibly TCC might get Sheldon to make the signs. John will talk with Ned about this.
5. Violation - Skandia North. A new application has come in to cover the area where a roadway, on original plans but no longer required, will have fill removed. Chris will check the site and probably will approve application provided it can be done without any further damage to wetland. Based on this, TCC requested that Chris fill out the form for the Wetlands Board. Chris may suggest other provisions if he feels they are needed.
6. Violation - beaver dam removal on Alt land, Mill Brook. Willie Farnum, who was at this part of the meeting, reported he had visited the site just after the removal of the dam with a back hoe. The water was muddied and the dam material appeared to have been just let go downstream. There is no record of a wetlands permit. John had talked with Dick Alt about this. Dick had visited dam with Dave Weathers and been advised how difficult it was to remove a dam without disturbance to wetlands, and had advised taking it out bit by bit. However, this was not done. A week after the removal beaver had not rebuilt the dam. Reason for removal was that the dam could cause an ice build up and destroy a foot bridge. TCC has an easement on this land, which actually belongs to one of Dick's sons. John had prepared a letter to Dick, with copies to go to Willie Farnum and to John Roberts who had removed the dam. After considerable discussion it was decided to include in the letter a request that Dick file an after the fact application. It was the opinion of TCC that this matter must be brought to the attention of the Wetlands Board, and therefore in the letter Dick was asked to let TCC know before its January 10th meeting whether or not he would file the application.
7. Dredge and Fill permits. In relation to the above there was further discussion as to removal of beaver dams or houses on either public or private property. TCC reaffirmed that in such cases a dredge and fill permit from the Wetlands Board was required. It was pointed out that in an emergency a permit could be obtained by telephone to the Wetlands Board.
8. Minimum Impact. John reported the following: Guy Grace, tax map 208, lot 28; Kate Thompson, tax map 422, lot 19; Myrtle DeLude, tax map B1, lot 8A & 9A
9. Route 16 study - John reported a letter of thanks from Alan Smith of Chocorua Lake Conservation Foundation for information about this study.

10. Treasurer's report and pre-budget discussion. Lori reported \$311 left in operating fund. Any member with a bill or expense account should get it to Lori immediately as these must be paid by December 31st or they will be taken out of next year's appropriation.

VITE I - To appropriate up to \$200 for making signs. (Moved by Betty, seconded by Lori.)

Budget will be discussed and decided on at the next meeting.

Great Hill Tower. The metal framework needs painting as there is considerable rust. It was agreed to ask the Selectmen to put an article in the Warrant for \$2500 for this.

11. Announcements -

Lakes Region Planning Transportation Enhancement Project. Funding can be applied for under this project.

Household Hazardous Waste. State grants are available. No figure was given as to town appropriation needed; it will be necessary to have this in order to request its inclusion in the Warrant, under the dump expenses, as was done last year.

N. H. Association of Conservation Commission news had listed the many Conservation Commissioners which had vote of the town to turn over all or a portion of money from current use change to the commission for its conservation fund. However, it was agreed not to ask for that this year.

The Planning Board has a separate box for TCC for its minutes and special notices to TCC.

Design Review - Ryan Hill Trust, c/o Kradchuck, on north side of Turkey Street, re septic system; to be held December 15.

Betty Steele