

Tamworth Conservation Commission
Tamworth, NH 03886

Meeting -- April 11, 1994

Present: John Mersfelder, Chris Conrod, Ned Beecher, Lori Gerard, Nat Steele, Betty Steele

1. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved except for one deletion in item # 7 to take out the sentence "Chris indicated TCC would be asked to write the Conservation section of the Master Plan", as this may not be accurate.
2. Rick Elmore, of Soil Conservation Service, made a presentation on GIS mapping, based on Carroll County survey of 1977. It was not a high intensity soil survey - but level 2, medium intensity. He gave TCC the maps and overlays. Tamworth is digitized in the system so changes can be added easily.
3. Remick Natural Area. Ron Remick, of White Mt. Survey, came to the meeting representing Trustees of Dr. Edwin Remick's Trust, to attempt to decide boundary between TCC land and Trust land. Since the trail is so near that boundary, Ned Beecher felt that if possible a 50' buffer here would protect the trail. It would need to start at the road, but could then slant in to the boundary, as the trail turns away from the boundary near its beginning. Ron was asked if the property line might be agreed on to give the Town of Tamworth this additional strip, or that an easement be given. It was hoped the Trustees would agree to this, as the Trust is set up for the benefit of the Town. If this is not possible TCC would accept the line as surveyed by the Soc. for the Protection of N. H. Forests. Ron will report to the lawyer for the Trust and will let TCC know the results.
4. Easement signs. It was agreed to buy four 4x4x8 pressure treated posts, plus cross pieces. Also agreed to buy, probably from Winnepesaukee Lumber, posts treated with a different chemical from that usually used, as it was preferable environmentally, even though it would cost somewhat more.
5. Map of Protected Land in Tamworth. Chris presented a fine map, in color, showing all protected lands except those of the Wonalancet Protection Association, as he hasn't completed that yet. This was Chris' own map, but he agreed to make one for TCC for \$10. His offer was accepted with pleasure.
6. Dredge and Fill violations - Pascoe. John reported the Wetlands Board had ordered corrections of the condition, defining how to do it to protect the wetland. Pascoe is to notify Wetlands Board and TCC within 20 days of the date on the letter, April 1st, unless Pascoe requested an extension or a hearing.
7. Skandia North has sent a letter to the Wetlands Board giving more information, as the Board had requested.
8. Minimum impact - Margaret Kennedy. Wetlands Board had received an incomplete application, and had requested further information before the work listed was done, otherwise owner would be in violation. David Welch is the logger. John will talk with David Welch to find location of work, and then will call the Wetlands Board to see if it has received further information, or possibly call Wetlands Board first and then, if necessary, call Welch.

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9. Lilacs. TCC has been notified that it can only have six lilacs instead of three dozen as requested, as many towns want to participate in the program. It was felt that probably all six should go to the school as Mr. Simone had said they could use up to ten. John can get them in his truck. Ned will talk with Brian Wiggin at the school to see if he might be able to find more lilacs, as there was some indication from Nat's son, Henry, who is in 8th grade, that this might be possible. Brian wants his students to do some work in the community. It was felt, though, that he would prefer to have students work out in the community, not right at the school.
10. Conservation Camp. Charlotte Cooper, of the Garden Club, had written to say a student at Kennett, Kim Johnson, was recommended and would like to go to camp. She has been in the Forests of the Future program. Lori was asked to send \$125 appropriated for this to Meredith Eaton, garden club treasurer. She will also send \$100 to Tin Mt. for scholarship, as agreed upon. These payments will go through the Town Treasurer, but Lori will arrange to get receipts for TCC records.
11. VOTE I - To re-elect the present officers of TCC - John Mersfelder, chm.; Chris Conrod, Vice-chm; and Lori Gerard, treasurer.
12. Eric Anderson. John has told him that the project information is in the mail, and that Chris will be his advisor.
13. Chinese Elms. Peter Pohl has been consulted about elms, and suggested Siberian elms as hardy, although he didn't know about salt resistance. It was agreed to ask Katie Thompson to research this further, as to information about the trees and as possible sites for planting. It is hoped private owners would care for any trees planted on their property.. It was felt funding could be found for trees planted on Town property, as was the case in Tamworth Park.
14. Hemenway - Bridge painting. Best to do in August or September, when there are few bugs. It was suggested a tarp be used under the bridge to catch drips.

Betty Steele