
Tamworth Conservation Commission
Tamworth, NH 03886

Meeting - September 12, 1994

PRESENT: John Mersfelder, Chris Conrod, Loralie Gerard, Charles Townsend,
Betty Steele

1. Minutes approved with the addition "that TCC will write a letter to Robert Wallace (Fvelyn Wallace's son) concerning protection of land along Mill Brook."

John brought his draft of the letter. Commission members thought it was good.
2. Members - Charlie Townsend has been approved by the Selectmen and was sworn in on August 11th. Kevin Ash has withdrawn as a Commission member, as he would not have time to be active.
3. Easement sign - Alt. John said he would ask Ned to follow up on this.
4. Complaint. Mia Gannon, of South Tamworth, says the bridge on the land N H Fish and Game bought from Katie Thompson needs repair. Fish and Game wants a statement from the Town as to the need. John will find location of bridge and let members know so they can look at it.
5. Chemicals - Dee Pierson wants to use chemicals on her pond to control weeds and algae. John told her she needed a permit from Water Supply and Pollution Control.
6. Shoreline Protection Act. There will be more meetings on this. A copy of the act is on file; it was suggested copies ~~may~~ be made for inclusion in the TCC Handbook. The state needs help from towns in enforcing it.
7. Violation. Lundberg, of Skandia North, has sent the Wetlands Board and TCC plans of work to be done. This is to be added to their incomplete application.
8. Conservation Camp follow-up. The Garden Club met with Kim Johnson to ask her to write a report and undertake a project. It was suggested that she work on a description for the Easy Walkers Trail, in the Big Pines; she is to call Ned.
9. Remick Natural Area - Ned has almost completed up-date on trail.
10. Hemenway bridge painting was completed by TCC members and families.
11. Trails. When Eric Anderson worked on the bridge some clearing was also done. Chris, Russ Staples, Eric and 7 scouts were at this work session. Perkins Trail has been completed by Chris, Eric and his father, and 6 scouts.
12. Great Hill Tower - John will ask Selectmen to put the painting out for bids.
13. Master Plan report. John said it needs to include land worthy of protection as well as land suitable for development, such as agriculture, land contiguous to protected land, large forest acreage, etc. He will bring it up at next Master Plan meeting.

There is concern on solid waste management. John felt TCC should take the lead on this. Ned has called Barbara Nordeen; he has also been in contact with a resource and recovery association which offered to send someone to talk with TCC. Education is as important here, as are new techniques. Charles thought Eric Meador, who directs the successful dump operation in Conway, could be helpful. He will pursue this.

14. Municipal Law workshop - to be held in Meredith at InterLakes High on October 5, 12, 19, covering water protection, wetlands, subdivision, current use, easements, open space, etc. Charlie might go the 19th, and John and Chris will try to get to one. TCC will pay the fee. It's necessary to pre-register.
15. Soc. for the Protection of N. H. Forests have initiated a Conservation Institute.
16. Audubon Soc. of N. H. has joined with several other concerned organizations to work out a methodology for defining buffer zones, and to develop a user guide. They want answers to a questionnaire as to town regulations. This questionnaire was discussed and John filled it out. One question asked if the town wanted to be considered for a pilot project - TCC answered that it would be interested in information as to what was involved.
17. Septic, in relation to subdivision - Valentine, Pease Hill Road. Willie Farnum brought this to the attention of TCC as he knew TCC wanted to be informed of any precarious situations. John showed members the plans for this. It was felt it was not a good design, and not good land use. It was suggested that the Planning Board request a septic plan before acting on this as it might be difficult to meet requirements for this. John called Willie Farnum to discuss it with him.

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