
Tamworth Conservation Commission
Tamworth, NH 03886

DRAFT MINUTES

MEETING February 13, 1995

PRESENT: John Mersfelder, Chris Conrod, Lori Gerard, Ned Beecher, Charles Townsend, Betty Steele

1. Minutes of the January meeting were approved.
2. Town Meeting - Warrant Articles: Budget, retain unexpended funds from 1994, and \$4000 for Great Hill Tower. Lori and John went to a meeting of Finance Committee to present budget. In discussion of Great Hill Tower, John said he understood last year's appropriation had lapsed; there were no bidders for the work. He had discussed this year's proposal with Nat. It was agreed TCC might need to help the Selectmen in getting bids, by making the need known in areas out of reach of the Carroll County Independent in which it was advertised.
3. Scenic Hoads. John read the letter he had sent, as agreed, to the Selectmen, Planning Board, Road Agent and Public Service. He had also sent a copy to Wayne Mock. Along with it went an updated copy of the Scenic Roads Act, including all subsequent amendments.
4. Minimum impact for forest management activities. John reports? the form had been revised, with more questions to be answered. He believes that because of this several forms are being returned by the Wetlands Board as incomplete. Aspinal - form incomplete, has been refiled and now has been approved. DRED, for lumbering in Hemenway near Big Pines area has been approved. Jean Rogerson, form incomplete, as no tax nap number given. Don Reich - incomplete. Ned offered to call the foresters concerned to explain changes in application forms, and took the forms John had in order to do so.
5. Minimum Impact - Tamworth Outing Club application has been returned as incomplete as square footage of impact was not given. T. O. C. will have to complete form and Conservation Commission sign it again.

It was noted that forest management minimum impact applications were acted on by staff of Wetlands Board, and did not need signature of a TCC member. Other minimum impact forms are also acted on by staff, rather than Wetlands Board, itself, but needed TCC signature. These procedures are a means of expediting approval of applications .
6. Minimum Impact - TCC procedures for handling. John gave out a draft of these and asked for comments. It was suggested that for number 3, a sentence be added to say that submission of application shall serve as implied consent for an on site review. 'nd for number 6 to add the word incomplete, as a disqualification for TCC signature. The title should include the word expedited and (Green form), to conform to Wetlands Board titles. John will take the form to Town Offices, to be reproduced and given out with Minimum Impact applications, after he has revised it as agreed upon.
7. Dredge and Fill - Town of Tamworth. Application to Wetlands Board to replace bridge on Scott Road (which goes from Route 16 to foot of Hammond Trail and Henry Korson's house) with a culvert. Bridge is not safe for heavy vehicles. John and Chris have checked the site. Town planned work for spring, but it was agreed to recommend to Wetlands Board that work not be done until the dry season, to minimize the effect of erosion in Chocorua River, which is especially important as the river leads directly into Chocorua Lake. It was suggested that not only should

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7. Dredge and Fill (cont.) recommendations go to Wetlands Board, but there should be a note to the Selectmen and some notification to Chocorua Lake Conservation Foundation as an abutter. It was also agreed that TCC request notification at the time work will be done, so a check can be made; this in accordance with the way in which other dredge and fill applications are handled.
8. Cross Country Ski Trail. Tamworth Outing Club plans to build a trail from the top of Great Hill, down the road past Dana Steele's, into Hemenway Forest and down the hill to come out at the Cooper's House on Cleveland Hill Road. Ned has worked over the area with Paul King and they have rerouted the trail from the original proposal to meet the State's objections as to disturbance of a deeryard, and to avoid crossing much wetland.
9. Education. TCC has \$1035 in an education fund which is committed to education in the schools - Brett, Bearcamp Valley, and Community. Perhaps matching funds should be requested. Charlie will draft a letter to this effect to be discussed at the March meeting.
10. Complaint - Yater pollution. Lori reported that John Shepherd, who has just built a cabin near Sanborn Brook on the east side of 113A, complained that trash, including diapers and probably effluent from outhouses was coming down the brook. On the west side of 113A is an area owned by a woman who lives out of town, where she permits trailers. There are about 20 trailers there and they use outhouses. Health officer for the town is Carl Huddleston, and it was reported that he does not allow outhouses. Lori will contact Huddleston with a copy to the Selectmen and to James Johnson, as well as notifying Mr. Shepherd. It was reported that the Johnsons are involved in litigation with the trailer owners. There have been problems before with trailer owners. The specific concern of TCC is water pollution. Other problems are not within its jurisdiction.
11. Municipal Oil Collection Centers. John reported that grants are offered for this, up to \$1500, for do-it-yourselfers in servicing cars, not for businesses. After some discussion it was agreed that the disposal problem was taken care of since individuals could take oil to garages which would burn it for fuel, although in such cases the heaters used might be polluting the air. A good heater, at the dump could be a solution. However, it was agreed to take no action at this time as it would be difficult to take this fuel away from garages.
12. By-Laws. Charlie is working on a proposal, which is not yet complete.

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These draft minutes are subject to final approval at the next Commission meeting, in March.