

**Tamworth Conservation Commission**  
**Tamworth, NH 03886**

DRAFT MINUTES - MEETING, MAY 8, 1995

PRESENT: John Mersfelder, Chris Conrod, Lori Gerard, Charlie Townsend, Willie Farnum and Betty Steele. David Cluff and Gardner Norcross were present for the whole meeting, but only as participants after VOTE V. John Roberts was present as announced at the May 4th meeting, and Ned Beecher was present.

1. Public Hearing on Rick Lessard's request to pasture horses in open field at Waterfowl Haven. Chris, Willie and Ned had looked at the site, and felt it looked feasible. They had contacted Dave Sorenson who recommended one acre for every horse and that land be dry before horses were put there. They talked with two major abutters and found both Crowell and Canfield were in favor of granting the request. Larry Beauchesne was also contacted as he has a water right across the lot; he had no problems with pasturing the horses. Other abutters not contacted were out of state. The Selectmen were consulted and said they had no problem except of liability, which could be solved by a written agreement. A Special Use Permit was written up.

VOTE I - To accept the Special Use Permit as written, (Moved by Chris, seconded by Lori, vote unanimous).

The Special Use Permit was then signed by Rick Lessard and John Mersfelder, with witnesses; it is to go in the vault. It was noted that this hearing had been advertised as 7:30 - 8:00 and, although it was not yet 8:00, if anyone should come to speak in opposition the case could be re-opened. It was not expected anyone would come.

2. summary of May 4th meeting with Selectmen. This had been written up by John, and was given to each member, and is incorporated as part of these minutes.

VOTE II - To send this summary to the Selectmen. (Moved by Chris, seconded by Lori, vote unanimous.).

3. Minutes of April 10th meeting. Corrections were made as follows: In list of those present, after Willie Farnum, should read "(newly appointed by the Planning Board as representative).:" It was noted that Willie did not have voting status on the Commission since he had not been appointed by the Selectmen.

Item # 2 In the next to last line it should read "make a recommendation", not a decision.

Item # 8. Should read as follows: "Concerns as to Forestry Practice. It was noted that several persons had expressed concerns regarding the cutting project, on the south side of Rte, 113 near the Catholic Church. Among those concerns are questions related to whether cutting has occurred too close to the road, whether the landing should be out of sight, and whether there is any disturbance of wetland. Willie reported no subdivision application had been received. Chris said the State Forester had looked at it twice. Ned will check it out as to wetland and other violations possible, and write the State Forester, with a copy of Fadden."

Item # 9. Add word "Alleged" at the beginning. Third sentence should read. "There are a number of unregistered vehicles and there is conjecture that this may be the beginning of a junk yard." First sentence of second paragraph should read "In connection with the above it was suggested that TCC should consider all other small service stations."

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## 3. (cont.)

VOTE III - That minutes be approved with the above corrections. (Moved by Chris, seconded by Charlie, vote unanimous).

4. **Members.** A copy of the Selectmen's letter of May 4th was given to each member, and is incorporated as **part** of these minutes. John Roberts stated that no hearing would be held in regard to the dismissal of Ned Beecher.

VOTE IV - To formally ask the Selectmen to reconsider their decision in regard to Ned Beecher. (Moved by Chris, seconded by Lori, vote unanimous).

5. **New Members.** John said David Cluff and Gardner Norcross has been appointed to the Commission by the Selectmen if it is agreeable to the Commission, and asked each of them to make a statement as to their interest. David Cluff said he had knowledge of engineering and of permitting processes, and was familiar with the Wetlands Board. In his business he deals with septic design plans. Gardner Norcross said he had lived here all his life and wants to be involved with the **community**. He has done **logging**, but at present is a self-employed **carpenter**. Both men said they would **have** some time to work for the Commission over and above attending meetings.

VOTE V - That TCC is agreeable to the appointment of these two new members. (Moved by Chris, seconded by Lori, vote unanimous).

Their address and phone numbers: David A Cluff, Box 898, Conway, N. H. 03818-0898, home tel. 323-8340. Gardner L. Norcross, Box 383, Tamworth, N. H. 03886, tel. 323-7970. John asked them to go to the Town Clerk as soon as they could, to be sworn in. Jeff Todd, the third appointee of the Selectmen, as an alternate, was not present, ~~so~~ it will be necessary to talk with him later. His phone is 323-7006.

6. **Solid Waste/Recycling.** A letter from the Selectmen stated they have appointed a committee of five for ~~sub~~, and want a TCC member on the committee, which will meet **May 22nd**.

VOTE VI - That Charlie Townsend be the TCC representative on the Solid Waste/Recycling Committee. (Moved by Lori, seconded by Chris, vote unanimous).

There was discussion of a sub-committee, in order to include a number of other people interested. John Roberts said the committee of five should meet first, and could then make a decision as to a sub-committee.

7. **TCC Conservation Plan.** Copies were given to the two new members. John said the plan needs to be reviewed and updated; maybe there should be a sub-committee to do this.
8. **Education Grant.** Charlie reported two requests: From Cook Library for \$108 to cover cost, including transportation, ~~an~~ budubon Society of N. H. program, "Moose to Mice, N. H. Mammals", to be open to the public, free of **charge**. And a request from the **Community** School for \$500 for a student run market garden at the school.

VOIE VII - To delegate the decision on these applications to a sub-committee, in order to meet the **May 30th** deadline for notification of applicants. (Moved by Betty, seconded by Chris, vote unanimous).

John appointed Charlie, Ned, and himself to this committee.

9. **Wetlands.** John reported two Rorestry **Minimum** Impacts: Jennifer Hughes, Thomas Norcross logger; and Jeffrey Swan, care of Richard Gerard. No action needed on these.

10. septic Waiver Ppplication. Steve Danelovitch, care of Forest Land Improvement, There will be a public hearing on May 10th, 7:15, at the Town Office Building. Chris and Dave will go to the site and to the hearing, and will report back to the Commission.
11. Alleged Violation, Tice's Garage. John reported the Selectmen had visited the site, found the floor drain had been plugged with cement and there was no oil in the water, so it would appear the matter is resolved. John Roberts said there was a pipe coming out of the building and the Selectmen had asked Tice to plug it. He also said that he didn't think small garages such as this posed a problem and that no work need be done in regard to them. In discussion of means of forestalling such problems, it was stated that information is given out on the day of the annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection. In further discussion, as to use of waste oil as heating fuel, is was reported that Roger Elliott said he now had more waste oil than he could use.  
  
In discussion of how TCC should deal with complaints, John Roberts felt that all complaints should be in writing. This seemed agreeable to TCC members.
12. Pasco/Marsh violation. Work of stabilization still has not been done. TCC had mitteden the Wetlands Board in 1993. Now the erosion has become worse. Dave will get in touch with Marsh. It is hope that a time framework can be set up.
13. Planning Board. Willie reported the Planning Board would meet at 7 on Wednesday, May 10th, with discussion of the Master Plan at 7:30. On May 24th, at 7:30 there will be a meeting for design review and re-subdivision for the Birch Tree Townhouse Development.
14. Great Hill Tower. Dave Bowles has suggested two firms which might do the work of painting & cable replacements - Nelson Communications and Bobcat Welding. John will write them.
15. Tree Planing. On Earth Day, April 22nd, Ned Beecher and his family planted disease resistant elms in areas of the town. Katie Thompson reported cost of the elms to be \$394. She has had two ondatons of \$50 each and \$50 to come from TCC. This latter must be confirmed by TCC and in addition Katie hoped TCC could add \$25 - \$50 more.

VOTE VIII - To authorize the payment of \$50 for elm trees, to be paid to Katie Thompson. (Moved by Chris, seconded by Betty, vote unanimous).

Dave said he can get another \$50 for this from a private donation. John will let Katie know of this. and Dave will have the donation go to her:Katie Thompson, Box 48, South Tanworth, N. H. 30883.

16. LCIP - Peter Helm is coming to make a presentation on this program.
17. Hemenway. Lori said she had no more trail brochures for the Big Pine Trail. John will look for one or, if he doesn't find on Betty may have a copy. It then could be run off on a copier.
18. Alleged Violation. Barry Paterno has reported that Thomas Worcross is cutting on Phillis Whiting's property on the Bearcamp River. 's this is a change of use of the area, it appears it would need a variance. Chris talked with Robert Boyd, State Forester. Erosion seems to be the only problem. Chris will report to them and if they aren't sztisfisd will suggest they either do a written complain or contact Robert Boyd.

Betty Steele

MINUTES SUBJECT TO APPROVAL AT JUNE MEETING.