

Tamworth Conservation Commission
Tamworth, NH 03886

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DRAFT MINUTES -MEETING June 12, 1995

PRESENT: John Kersfelder, Chris Conrod, Dave Cluff, Charlie Townsend, Lori Gerard, Willie Farnum, Betty Steele, Jeff Todd and John Roberts-Selectman

1. Land Conservation Investment Program Monitoring. Peter Helm, monitoring coordinator for all local easements under this program (except for six held by Fish and Game) was present. One half of his job is working with towns on monitoring. He works under a committee headed by an official from the Office of State Planning. He discussed easement boundaries, how they might be marked and should LCIP furnish markers. He had some questions on Perkins easement as to where septic should be put, but this has already been solved. He proposed sending all Conservation Commissions a copy of his suggestions regarding interpretation of easements. Willie asked that this also go to landowners. His address is LCIP, Executive Department of Office of State Planning, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ Beacon St., Concord, N. H. 03301, Tel. 271-2155. He prefers that commissions handle violations, if possible, through proper state agencies. He can offer help in interpretation of easements. He said that monitoring of state owned land under the program might be done regionally perhaps by Land Trusts. He also said that there is a move to restart LCIP in some form, perhaps in 1997. Perhaps areas missed before can be found. He then left the meeting.

2. TCC membership. Jeff Todd, a candidate for alternate, said he worked in construction in Moultonboro, and lived at Chocorua Meadows. He is interested in conservation in general. He has a septic design license in Maine, and a civil engineering license.

VGIE I - To accept Jeff Todd as an alternate on Tamworth Conservation Commission. (Moved by Betty, seconded by Lori, voted unanimously)

John told him he must now go to Selectmen's Office to be sworn in. According to the Selectmen's letter of May 4th, this is a one year appointment.

John discussed materials all members of Commission should have, two of most importance are the N. H. Association of Conservation Commissions manual and TCC's own manual. The state manual probably needs updating. It was decided that John should order two new manuals - Lori to give him a check for \$10 to cover cost. The TCC manual needs review; Lori will do this.

4. Minutes - were approved with one correction of Item # 18: Chris didn't talk with Boyd, he left that to the land owner.

5. Membership and letter to NHACC. John read his letter to Marj Swope which is now on file. He listed new Commission members, including the newest, Jeff Todd, whose address is P O Box 206, Chocorua, N H 03817, home tel. 323-7006, and business tel. 476-5525. He noted that towns may adopt an ordinance "defining and regulating conflicts of interest for local officers and employees", and that Tamworth does not have such an ordinance. It has been suggested to the Selectmen that the Town should have such an ordinance.

Membership responsibilities. John felt that there is a necessity of balanced information on all important matters, especially legal. Communication between Selectmen and TCC is important. It was decided that more than one person should make site investigations and noted that there must be landowner permission.

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5. (cont.) There was discussion of whether or not complaints, which it was felt should be in writing, should be signed. There are pros and cons. Charlie suggested a flow chart for procedures in complaints and he will work out one, based on discussion at this meeting and present it at the next meeting. This should include that the person who receives the complaint would contact the chairman who in turn would contact the Selectmen, and also appoint two members to investigate and report back to the Commission. In case of emergency this procedure might vary.
6. Solid Waste -- hearing on Browning Forest Industries application for a transfer station. John had talked with Pam Sprague of the state agency involved, who was interested in TCC's ideas. She apparently didn't know of the aquifer in the area. John Roberts reported that state had agreed on a hearing, which probably would be on July 17th at the Town House, with definite date to be announced in the newspaper. Pam Sprague is with the Dept of Environmental Services, Bureau of Solid Waste, which will conduct the hearing.
7. Alleged violation - cutting on south side of Route 113, opposite Catholic Church. Peter Pohl, forester with Cooperative Extension had called John about this and as his function is educational had proposed putting up a sign to say "Is this good forestry?"
8. Solid Waste. Charlie reported the Recycling Committee had met once, although not with any discussion of BFI, but mostly to plan information gathering. Committee members are Charlie, Stephanie Dahl, Lou Wisener, Walter Upson, Jack Leader and Glen Johnson. It was reported that the State has grant money, up to \$1500, for collection-centers; the written information was given to Charlie. John Roberts said the Town would probably have a waste oil heater for the Town Garage.
9. Education Grant. Charlie reported the Committee had approved \$108 for the Cook Library for an Audubon presentation, and \$300 for the Community School toward expense of a student run marketing garden, but with some qualifications and had asked for more specifics. Money is needed to hire a crew boss. He felt it should be signed to educate the public as to the purpose. Betty felt that Conservation Commission should receive public credit for any grants it makes, as is standard practice for all granting agencies, even though grant may only partially support the whole project.
10. Great Hill Tower. John said Nelson Communications has material for cables and turnbuckles and can do that job for \$800, \$100 for materials and \$700 for labor. It was decided to accept this proposal. The project had already been publicized for bids, with no one interested, so it was not necessary to do this again.
11. Wetlands. Dave reported he had talked with Mr. ^{March} Paseo and that the work needed has now been done satisfactorily, except that if there are any future problems with erosion, adjustments will be made. On Sarnborn Brook Lori has asked John Shephard either to put his complaint in writing to TCC or to call the Health Inspector - he to let Lori know which he will do. John reported Wetlands Board approval of Thompson Trust Forest minimum impact and of Town of Tamworth Scott Road project, though with some conditions. Willie reported the Planning Board will hold a site inspection of the Birch Tree Subdivision proposal, on its site east of Philbrick Neighborhood Road, on Wednesday, June 14 at 6:30. John and Chris will try to go. There is concern as to Edmunds water supply. The project is still only in the design review phase. John showed a hydric soils manual by the New England Interstate Water Pollution and Control Commission. Some towns require the Planning Board to use this.

12. Planning Board. Willie reported a meeting of the Planning Board at 8:00 p.m. on June 14th for review and revision of the Wetlands Ordinance. He said Mahaney has requested a septic waiver which has been approved by the Planning Board. John questioned him as to the Board's criteria for granting a waiver. Dave said the State has a waiver request, and suggested the **Planning** Board should have a copy of **it**.
13. **John** read a letter from **Ned** Beecher of thanks to TCC for its support and encouragement to **it** for the work **it** is doing. The letter will be kept on file.
14. **Environmental** Legislation - John presented a request by N. H. Citizens **Action** re support for its concerns about federal environmental legislation. Copies of **this** letter were given to each member.
15. Missions and priorities. John said **we** should pursue this actively. Also should consider publicity for TCC and education for the public.
16. Forest Forever Manual. John had a copy. TCC had previously had some input for **this**.

MINUTES SUBJECT TO APPROVAL AT JULY **MEETING**.

Betty Steele