
Tamworth Conservation Commission
Tamworth, NH 03886

DRAFT MINUTES - Meeting, July 10, 1995

PRESENT: John Mersfelder, Chris Conrod, Charlie Townsend, Deve Cluff, Lori Gerard, Betty Steele, Jeff Todd'. Willie Farnum - Planning Board representative. John Roberts - Selectman.

1. Minutes of the June meeting were approved with two corrections: Item # 6 - it is Browning Ferris Industries, not Forest Industries; Item # 11 - Dave had talked with Mr. Karsh, not Mr. Pasco(who was a former owner).
2. Great Hill Tower. Jay Nelson, Chris and John have checked it. Nelson has given a figure of \$800 for cables and turnbuckles, and an additional \$2650 for wire brushing and painting. The selectmen have approved the figure. John has written Nelson to that effect, and requested a certificate of insurance.
3. Browning Ferris Industries public hearing will be July 27, 6:30 p.m., at Union Hall. John felt TCC should post some notices of the meeting, altho it is called by the state DES, not by TCC.
4. Household Hazardous Waste Collection will be Saturday, July 29th. There will be a meeting on the subject at the Meredith Library on July 11th. Sign for this is now at reg Loughran's - Charlie said he could store the sign. Charlie offered to call one or two people to help on the collection day, and try for one to go to the meeting July 11th. Dave had brought the material up from Lakes Region Planning In Meredith. Eembers will distribute as follows: Chris at the Dump and in Sc:sh Tamworth, Betty in Tamworth Post Office, Library and Stores, Lori in Chocorua Post Office, Library and Stores, and John Roberts at Rosies and Market-in-the-kines,
5. Education Grants. The Library Grant is O. K. and Library will be paid after the event has taken place. Charlie reported he was waiting for some more information about the application from the Commnity School.
6. Trails. Lori reported trail guides were now in the box at Pig Pines. John has found stakes among Garden Club effects that carry names of various flowers. From the accompanying list he had these did not appear to be only for the trail at Bigrinss, as wetlands plants were included. Betty and John will check with Easy Walkers Trail (now abandoned by Garden Club) to see what plants are present. Some of the stakes might be used on this trail. Betty agreed to monitor trails as she has been doing, but on a more regular basis. She will make a report at the next meeting.
7. White Lake Timber Harvest. TCC was notified as an abutter. it is at the north end of the Lake, hopefully north of the swamp there. Cutting will be in 1995-96.
8. Land protection. John reported Ms. havelock, who owns 40 acres on Route 113A, would like to protect the land. John and Chris will talk with her and advise her. The property goes to Swift River. There is a house on it, on the road.
- 9 Alt sign. John will call Ned about this, to see how it is progressing.
10. Chocorua Lake Conservation Foundation. John has a letter from president, Neely Lanou, in regard to the question of legitimacy of the covenants, as some questions have been raised by the assessors. There was discussion of covenants and if they were similar to easements, but it was felt legal advice was needed and that TCC had no advice to give.
11. Thompson Land, purchased by State for Fish and Game. John reported some timber harvesting was being done., Also John will talk with Martha Carlson as regards the small deteriorating bridge on the Bearcamp River Trail on this property!

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12. Wetlands Board. Forest Minimum Impact. John reported two - Chocorua Valley Lumber and Bemis Farm Trust.
13. Sub-committee on Wetlands Ordinance. Willie reported the committee had met in regard to concern with Guidelines on septic waivers. These are to be revised and simplified. John and Chris are on this committee.
14. **Complaint** Procedure. Charlie is working on this and will report at the **next** meeting.
15. Planning Board. Willie reported these ~~was~~ nothing on the agenda this week that would affect the work of TCC.
16. TCC **Plan**. John felt that should be **reviewed**, to revise it, note **accpomplish-**ments, and give a vision for the future. On the sub committee for **this** are: John Chris, Lori, Betty and Jeff.
17. Solid Waste. Charlie reported the committee had been fact finding and visiting other town dumps. They are investigatong the construction of a large shed - Lou Wiesner and Walter **Upson** are looking into this.
18. Future appointments. There is an opening on TCC. Harold Cook might be interested. John suggested Sue Strobridge. John asked the Selectmen to consult with TCC prior to appointment, re qualifications. In further discussion **it** was felt that maybe another woman should be on the Commission. Also that a public relations person would be helpful.
19. Conflict of Interest Laws. John had written Karge Swope of N H. Assoc. of Conservation Commissions abut this and was sent a lot of information. The situation is complex . There are enforceable and non-enforceable ethics code. A sample ordinance had been drafted by one town, but had been voted down - **it** is difficult to draft an effective one. Often the appearance of conflict is as imporatat as actual conflict. **It** is a process, not something to always be defined. A Planning Board member, if an abutter, cannot act on an application, but this is a different situation than a case of water pollution reported by a Conservation **Commission** member.

Betty Steele

DRAFT MINUTES SUBJECT TO APPROVAL AT AUGUST MEETING.