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**Tamworth Conservation Commission**

**Tamworth, NH 03886**

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DRAFT MINUTES - Meeting, September 11, 1995

PRESENT: John Mersfelder, Chris Conrod, Charlie Townsend, Dave Cluff, Betty Steele  
Willie Farnum - Planning Board representative. John Hoberts - Selectman,  
arrived at 8:25, during discussion of item #5.

1. Minutes of previous meeting were approved, with the deletion of "of DES" at end of second paragraph of item #3. Gregg Howard is not from DES.
2. Treasurer - Lori not present as her daughter, Eelissa Pnne, was born a few days ago. She reported to John that \$98 had been paid to the Library. No further information has come from the Community School as to their grant application.
3. drowning Ferris Industries decision - John reported permit was denied because permit conditions were not met. Application was not complete and not entirely accurate, as to how near an airport, etc.

John is interested in pursuing the wellhead protection program, an informal approach to inventory and monitoring of aquifers. Willie will let TCC know if the Planning Board is interested.

4. Trails. John will get in touch with Nancy Coville in regard to Remick Natural Area. John reported that Mr. Kraft-Lund, of Lakes Region Planning is working on a Route 16 corridor study - wants data on all trails in Tamworth, as to length, use (foot, bicycle, etc.), type of trail service, how developed, how maintained. TCC will send CLCF, WDC, CHC maps and our TCC trail guide. For further details he can contact the organizations concerned.

Bicycle Path. Route 113 and Route 113A are currently identified, and also used, as bicycle routes. John reported the Selectmen thought such a path was feasible. Trestles can be made beside bridges. So called "iced tea" funds (real title not immediately available) will pay 80% and Town 20%. This is a federal program. It would be cooperative with the Planning Board, etc. John asked Willie if the Planning Board is interested.

Dave reported the bridge on Bearcamp River Trail, on Fish and Game property near South Tamworth, is in bad condition and for safety reasons should be replaced and taken out. There is a stream there in wet seasons. This is not a TCC responsibility. John will write Fish and Game, with a copy to Martha Carlson of Sandwich Land Protection Committee, to this effect.

5. Scenic Roads Ordinance. John read a letter of September 7th from Selectmen to Thompson Trust regarding the cutting of a rock maple in the town's right of way. This brought up the question of rights and responsibilities of property owners in regard to the ordinance. Chris stated there was no clear cut answer to ownership of trees on a town right of way, as it might vary with each individual right of way. There was considerable discussion, but no conclusion reached, except that an attorney's advice was needed.
6. Easement Sign - Aspinall. There has been no report yet as to the investigation as to who may have destroyed it.
7. Easement Monitoring. John gave Chris requests from the Soc. for the Protection of N. H. Forests as to this. John reported he had written a letter of condolence to Martha Alt on Dick's death, mentioning all his support for easements. He also reported an Easement Monitoring Workshop of Sat., September 30, at Knights Pond in Alton, by the Lakes Region Conservation Trust.

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3. (cont.) Chris suggested membeqof the Tamworth Civic Association might be helpful to TCC, and that a TCC member might attend one of their meetings to present TCC needs.
8. TCC members. Gardner Norcross is not continuing on the Commission, and never was sworn in. Now there are two openings.
9. Hemenway - John reported notice of a timber cut along one of the wood roads leading west from Hemenway road,
10. Minimum impact - John reported his own minimum impact was satisfactory, and work could be done.
11. Dredge and Fill, Riggs property (former Ainsworth) along Wonalancet River, near entrance to Gordon Fath. Bridge abutments are beginning to be eroded. Upstream a log across brook dams it. Proposal is to put in rip rap from here to bridge to protect the bridge. John and Chris had looked at it.  
 VOTE I - That TCC report it is not opposed to application. (Moved by Chris, seconded by Dave.)  
 The comment will be added that TCC supports the effort to protect the bridge abutments.
12. Septic Waiver. The concern is how to expedite approval when there is a failed system which creates an immediate health hazard. It is suggested that in this case, if there is not to be a Planning Board meeting for sometime, the applicant can go directly to the Selectmen and the State. John Roberts said the State must approve action in such a case. In letter to State designer must say that it is the best environmental solution to repair or replace this failed system and this makes the best attempt to adhere to the town Wetlands Ordinance. A letter from Selectmen must go along with this. Willie will talk with Planning Board in regard to this suggestion.
13. Scott Road Culvert. John Roberts said work was still in progress - among other things seeding the bank and putting gravel on the roadway are still to be done. The silt barrier is still in place, and will be until work is complete.
14. CA - preliminary proposal to prevent deterioration of water quality in lake, which has been progressing, especially on the southern shore. Nutrients may be coming in from somewhere. The proposal was for a 5' berm along Route 16, with sediment ponds. CLP wants Selectmen's input. There was considerable discussion re source of pollution and how to control. It was agreed that John would write CLP to advice consulting and expert to explore the source of phosphates, and to advice.
15. Wetland Board Legislative Committee Hearing - one is at Campton, on Sept. 25. John, Chris and perhaps others may go.
16. Solid Waste. Charlie reported concern over estimates for a recycling building and that funds probably would not be available from the Foundation because of high cost. Plan will have to be scaled back, and gradually added to in the future. John Roberts said the Selectmen are pursuing the general concerns as to solid waste.
17. NHACC annual meeting - Nov. 4th. Betty will go, and John and Charlie may.
18. Remick Pond. Original application for east side of Great Hill Road has been approved, but it may be better for the pond to be on the west side, and application will be made for this. Pond to be under an acre, and about 17ft. deep. John Roberts said the east side project may go ahead also, but no decision has been made.

DRAFT MINUTES, SUBJECT TO APPROVAL AT OCTOBER MEETING.

Betty Steele