

Tamworth Conservation Commission
Tamworth, NH 03886

Selectman

DRAFT MINUTES - MEETING, May 13, 1996

PRESENT: John Mersfelder, Chris Jonrod, Lori Gerard, Charlie Townsend,
Aoy Ames, Betty Steele, Mia Gannon, Planning Board Representative,
John Roberts, Selectman.

1. Minutes of the April meeting were approved.
2. Nature Conservancy - Peter Bensen. Peter Bensen, The Nature Conservancy (TNC) Preserves Manager for N. H. - His concern at present is the Ossipee Pine Barrens, which lie in the towns of Tamworth, Madison, Ossipee and Freedom. He wants officials of the four towns to know what TNC is doing and invited them to a meeting on May 29th at the old town hall in Madison-Silver Lake for information. This will be followed by a public meeting, and later by one in conjunction with Tin Mt. One area of concern is where the towns come together. There is a need to protect corridors for moths and butterflies to use, Tamworth has the most protected land. Madison land is mostly already chopped up. Therefore work will be primarily in Ossipee and Freedom. There are 5 species of the 12 of butterflies and moths in the West Branch Pine Barrens which are found nowhere else, he said.
3. Administration. John reported Alan Smith, president of Chocorua Lake Conservation Foundation was interested in working with TCC in some capacity, perhaps as an alternate or associate. He is here at least six months of the year.
4. Wetlands - Remick Trustees have submitted a revised plan for the pond. Dave Cluff was present to explain the plan, which has been changed to satisfy to the extent possible the concerns of an abutter. Location of the pond has been changed, dropping the part near the abutter's house, and adding some to another part.

VOTE I - To recommend approval of the revised plan. (Moved by Chris, seconded by Betty)

Chris will write the Wetlands Board to this effect.
5. Wetlands Board. John reported there are new farms for dredge and fill and minimum impact applications. There are new rules, as of April 9th, which will be published in about two months, and can be purchased for \$5 a copy. Agreed to order 3 copies - check not to be sent before June 1st.
6. Wetlands Board decisions. The Board has approved a minimum impact - David Welch, lumberman, Harry Davison, Owner; and has approved Bryant Brook Culvert, with conditions.
7. Easement. Aspinall sign. Sheldon Perry estimates \$120 in labor costs. Chris visited the area with Scott to find out about his management plan, for which he gave some advice. Scott plans to re-creak some fields and to put in a pond.
8. By-Laws. Charlie and John presented a draft copy, given to each member, to be reviewed and acted on at the June meeting. John Roberts said they probably should be shown to the Town Council, once accepted by TCC.
9. Trails Brochures. These need updating. Chris will write the section for Jackman North, and for the new Perkins Trail). Charlie will work on the description of Big Pines Trail to clarify it, This was originally written by Percy Olton and describes the natural history of the area. John will

- talk with Nancy Coville about the guided trail on Remick Natural area, a trail which has fallen into disrepair.
10. Household Hazardous Waste Day will be Saturday July 27th. Volunteers from the various towns are needed. Sue Stobridge may do this, as she did last year. If not, Charlie will either do it or find someone.
 11. Biosolids. Charlie said he had seen the video that was ordered, and that it was pro sludge. Charlie and John had been to a meeting re sludge and reported on it. There was some opposition. It was agreed that as yet not too much was known about sludge, at least not enough for TCC to make a policy decision. John Roberts reported the State would hold another public hearing, as State rules have been changed since the February hearing.
 12. deports. Ossipee Conservation Commission has invited TCC and others to a presentation on plastics used in play things. The Chocorua Lake Conservation Foundation is doing some bank stabilization which may require a minimum impact application. The McCabe Foundation offers grants, up to \$5000 for purposes, including land acquisition. Could TCC get a grant for a new trails brochure?

Betty Steele

Draft Minutes to be approved at June meeting.