
Tamworth Conservation Commission

Tamworth, NH 03886

DRAFT MINUTES - MEETING July 8, 1996

PRESENT: John Mersfelder, Chris Conrod, Roy Ames, Charlie Townsend, Lori Gerard.

VISITORS: Chris Cline and Jesse Beecher.

1. Minutes of the June Meeting were approved.
2. Big Pines Bridge. The damage sustained by the bridge due to a fallen tree was repaired on July 5, 1996 by Roy, John, David Mersfelder and Chris. Numerous overhanging tree branches were also removed in an effort to retard growth of fungus and moss on the bridge.
3. Easy Walker Trail. John wrote a letter to Chris Cline and Jesse Beecher with suggestions for re-doing the Remick and Easy Walker self guided nature trails which they will be working on. While we were reviewing John's letter Chris and Jesse came in. They reported on their activities so far which include brushing and blowdown removal, and presented rough drafts of an updated map and guide. They explained the need for puncheons to cross wet areas and volunteered to put them in. After a very lengthy discussion it was agreed that for now Chris and Jesse would get a cleaned up rough draft of the guide to John who will make 50+/- copies for temporary use in the box at Big Pines.
4. Trail Maintenance Expense. Chris submitted a request for reimbursement of expenses incurred while procuring materials for the repair of Big Pines Bridge. **\$64.06**
5. Treasurers Report. Lori Wrote a letter to Mary Mills asking her to let us know what information she needs from us for the upcoming audit and how we should handle paperwork and the Conservation Fund in the future. It was agreed by the committee that we would be willing to meet with Mary at her convenience.
6. TCC Trail Guide. Chris submitted a rewrite of the Jackman Pond section of the Trail Guide. Charlie will do a rewrite of the Big Pines Section. Chris also submitted for review a copy of a revised Jackman Pond Trail Map for placement in the boxes at Jackman Pond. A lengthy discussion on what information should be included on which guides and maps and where these pieces of literature would be placed ensued. It was agreed that it would be good to have individual trail maps at each area and an overall trail guide for general distribution.

7. Remick Foundation Pond Application. The Wetlands Board acknowledged receipt of recommendation to approve the pond application. Peter Cooperdock, at the request of J. Williams, wrote a letter to the Wetlands Board which prompted the board to put a hold on any action on the application until further study is done.

8. Dredge and Fill Application, Fred Bickford. Charles Johnson, agent for Fred Bickford, submitted an expedited permit application for bank stabilization of Bearcamp River on Lot 30 of Tax 420. There is a question as to whether this project falls under expedited procedures. Johnson will check with the Wetlands Board Tues, July 9 and if the application can be expedited Chris, Roy and Charlie will do an on site inspection Thursday ro Friday. If the project cannot be expedited John will contact Charles Johnson and ask him to reapply using the proper forms.

9. DES Wetlands Bureau Reorganization. Training sessions for conservation commission members to held throughout the state. These sessions will acquaint us with the organization procedures that were enacted recent state legislation. John, Chris, Lori and Roy will attend the August 20 session in Freedom. Charlie will try for an earlier meeting.

10. Letarte Biosolid Spreading. A N.H. DES ordered hearing on Hank Letarte's application to reclaim his gravel pit by spreading sludge and paper byproducts will be held at the Tamworth Town House July 9, 7:00 PM. We will all try to attend.

11. Aspnall Easement Sign. Sheldon Perry said the sign has been repaired. Someone should pick it and give the bill to the Selectmen.

12. Bylaws. Charlie did a rewrite of the rough draft passed on the suggestions made by the Commission at the June meeting. Everything looks good but it was agreed to allow everyone a chance to review it before voting on adopting the proposed bylaws.

13. Household Hazardous Waste Day. The fliers for this event to be held July 27th are ready. Lori will pick them up in Meredith and see that they get distributed. Chris will set the sign at the dump.

14. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Conrod, in place of
Betty Steele, who deserves
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Draft Minutes to be approved at August meeting.