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**Tamworth Conservation Commission**  
**Tamworth, NH 03886**

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DRAFT MINUTES - MEETING September 9, 1996

PRESENT: John Mersfelder, Lori Gerard, Chris Conrod, Alan Smith, Mia Gannon-Planning Board, and Betty Steele (arrived at 8 pm).  
John Roberts, Selectmen

1. Minutes of the August Meeting were approved.
2. Members- Alan Smith has been approved by the Selectmen as an Alternate to the Conservation Commission.
3. Trails. Charlie has written trail descriptions for the Eig rines; Chris has new trail signs and a map for Big Pines.

Brochure - discussion of how to improve and update the current one, perhaps with a general description of trails and their location and then a box and map at each trail head with a trail guide of environmental points of interest. It was decided information on each trail was needed before a general brochure could be made up. Plan, Betty and John, with Chris as consultant will work on getting this information. Betty will see what the State has on the White Lake Pitch Pine trail which joins with the TCC Black Spruce trail. She and Alan will walk this TCC trail.

Trail maintenance. It was felt TCC does a good job on major problems on trails, and takes care of them promptly, but just regular maintenance often is not done as members are busy with matters of higher priority. Betty felt a person should be hired, with money appropriated for trails, to do some of this routine work and when brochures and trail guides are published to see they are in boxes. Betty felt that trails in disrepair reflected negatively on TCC and this maintenance should be given higher priority. It was felt Roy might perhaps be interested in this regard - Lori will talk it over with him.

4. Wetlands Board. Several Commission members had been to a workshop where the new law re wetlands was discussed. The Board, as such is abolished, with decisions made by wetlands staff members. As far as TCC is concerned the mechanics of reporting is unchanged. Lori Somers is the resource person from DES for this region. DES will continue to speed up minimum impacts and to define categories.
5. Chocorua Lake Conservation Foundation. Alan Smith gave out pamphlets "Chocorua Conservation over the Years", and outlined the conservation roles of both the Foundation and the Chocorua Lake Association. He spoke also of the restrictive covenants agreed upon and signed by landowners in the Chocorua Lake basin. He also said a current project is control of effluent into the Chocorua River <sup>at the</sup> and northeast end of the lake. This project involves six landowners.
6. Aspinall sign. Selectmen agreed to provide posts. Chris reported Scott will work on putting up the sign and call on TCC if he needs help. As he is doing some work in the area he may have to decide timing of sign installation. Chris will follow up on this.
7. TCC controlled lands - Chris will bring in his own map of these.
8. Planning Board. Mia reported a public meeting this Wednesday, 7 pm in Runnels hall for input on subdivision regulations and on plans for the year 2000.

9. N. H. Association of Conservation Commissions Annual meeting, November 2nd. In October TCC will discuss who can go, etc. There is usually one workshop for new members, which it is worthwhile for any unfamiliar with Conservation work to attend. There is a main speaker and informational workshops and field trips. It is felt worth while for any TCC members who can to attend the whole meeting.
10. Announcements. DES is sponsoring a N H Water Exposition Trade Show on October 10, in Manchester, with seminars as part of the show. At the next TCC meeting John would like discussion on how to update the TCC Conservation Plan, continue efforts to protect Kill Brook, protection of James kond, and to keep informed about work of Remick Foundation. Agreed to invite Robert Cottrell the new director to this meeting.

Chris Conrod and  
Betty Steele

Draft Minutes to be approved at October Meeting.