
Tamworth Conservation Commission
Tamworth, NH 03886

DRAFT MINUTES - MEETING, November 11, 1996

PRESENT: John Mersfelder, Chris Conrod, Lori Gerard, Roy Ames, Betty Steele, Alan Smith

1. Minutes of the October meeting were approved.
2. TCC Manual - page numbers need to be checked, and order of material sorted out. Lori, John and Betty are the committee for this, and Lori will call the meeting.
3. NHACC. Betty gave each member a written report of some of the sessions she attended. John reported on Tracking Cumulative Wetlands Impact using GIS, rather than tracking individual wetlands. He attended a biodiversity workshop and has ordered a copy of the excellent slide show presented, as he felt TCC could use it for educational purposes. John also had attended a workshop on protecting land around sources of drinking water. It was agreed more should be known about land around the Tamworth water supply, and the source of the water in order to know whether or not it was safe. There may now be an up to date map of the aquifer in this area - Lori will check it out to get one if it has been made.
4. Trails and trail brochure. John, Chris and Betty worked on a draft for the brochure, copies of which were given to each member present. This is to be distributed in stores, libraries, trailheads, etc. Later specific guides will be written for some of the trails. There are already boxes at Big Pines, Jackman and Hemick, and it is hoped to have one at Black Spruce. John will check with the Office of State Planning re using material from their original brochure on the Fitch Line National Natural Area. Alan will do a mock up for the brochure. It was hoped it could be kept to the same size as the present one, but with a smaller map to allow for the extra material. Alan may edit if necessary to fit the space but, if so, it should be checked with TCC before publication.

Betty reported the Spur Trail at Big Pines has three blowdowns, near the top of Great Hill which, though passable, could be confusing to anyone who didn't know the trail well; Chris will work on this with some help from others - it requires chain saw work. Roy agreed to be Trail Coordinator to see trails are maintained by either volunteer or paid effort. Betty will monitor trails and report to him. Alan mentioned need of a new sign post at Black Spruce sign at entrance to TCC land.

5. Wetlands. John reported Forestry Minimum Impact on Bemis land.
6. Land protection. Chris will check with Alts re change of ownership.
7. Easements - future acquisition. John spoke of Mill brook, James Pond, and the Straw property. The James Pond - Alan knows David Little who manages the property for the family and will get in touch with him. A letter was written in 1991, but no reply received. John has written a good letter to Mrs. Straw offering to help with an easement, enclosing a sample and saying that giving one would decrease the inheritance tax. She has valuable conservation property on both sides of Depot Road, adjacent to both Hemick Trust and White Lake State Park land, and with river frontage.
8. Easement, Chocorua Lake Foundation, northeast corner of town. Alan said Charles Tewksbury had given the Foundation a piece of land, adjacent to what appeared to be a piece of town land, altho the Town appears to have no record of it. Alan said this would be researched further and if no records could be found it might be the Town would give a quit claim deed.