
Tamworth Conservation Commission
Tamworth, NH 03886

DRAFT MINUTES - MEETING, December 9, 1996

PRESENT: John Bersfelder, Chris Conrod, Charlie Townsend, Roy Ames, Jr.,
Betty Steele, Plan Smith

1. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.
2. VOTE I - That TCC buy whatever stationery needed and bill the Town in 1996.
(Moved by Betty, seconded by Chris). Charlie will order it.
3. Handbook. Lori has not had a chance to call a meeting yet, and proposed one this or next week. Betty requested it not be held until after Christmas.
4. rails. Madison Forester, Stepanauskas, will be logging on land adjacent to White Lake State Park and using the woodroad that is the access road to TCC property there. He wants to know if TCC has any concerns about this. It was agreed that there were none.

John reported that the blowdowns on the spur trail near the top of Great Hill had now been cleared.
5. Brochure, or leaflet, update. Alan will do a draft for it from the materials which have been given him. Alan has proposed that there should be a brochure of all the trails in town and suggested TCC work with other organizations to accomplish this. John felt it could be part of the updated conservation plan, and that all groups with trails could be brought together to discuss it.
6. Trail work. Jackman North may need to be regraded where it is adjacent to the gravel pit. Ambrose has given permission to use any of his gravel there. hoy will let TCC know if he wants money budgeted for trails. TCC budget will be made up and voted on at the January meeting, in time to get in the Warrant.
7. Wetlands. John reported Forestry Minimum Impact on Demaria land, Tax map 406, 44, which is off the wood road running along raugus Brook from Fowlers Pill. Forester is Stepanauskas .
8. Easement Monitoring. John spoke of need for continuing education of landowners who acquire land on which there is already an easement, and also of the need for clear records for Suture members of TCC. Chris has some volunteers to help in the monitoring. It was agreed that a general description of the type of work done to monitor an easement be included in the TCC Handook.
9. Easements. John had written Irs. Straw and enclosed a sample easement based on that for the Ferkins property. Mrs. Straw has not answered his letter. There was discussion of the -possible interest of the Remick foundation in protecting this land, since it abuts Foundation land and is valuable conservation property. It was agreed to invite Mr. Cottrell, executive director of the Foundation, to the January meeting, to discuss possibilities. There was considerable discussion of the problems Mrs. Straw has in deciding how to prevent development of the land. It is now being lumbered periodically on a sustainable basis.
10. Easements - James iond. Plan has talked with David Little, and suggested that John write David to see if he can meet with him when he is up here.
11. Herbicidal spraying of Lower Lines. The Coalition for Alternatives to herbicidal spraying is opposed to spraying and has requested that TCC place an article in the Warrant to request utilities to cut brush and trees and not use herbicides. It was felt there was too short a time to thoroughly study this and support such a stand, but was suggested that it be brought

at Town Meeting under "Other Business" to request a show of hands to see if there was support for TCC to pursue the issue. John will sound out the Selectmen about this.

12. 4-H. doy reported on an effort by Patty Norcross to reactivate 4-H, perhaps with woodworking and sewing projects. After discussion it was suggested that TCC might do a workshop with the group.
13. Recycling. Charlie. reported that the Town had received a grant from N. H. Beautiful of \$45,000 for three containers, or trailers, to be used for cardboard, paper and plastics. Although this would not make money it would save money by prolonging the use of the dump.
14. Remick luseum. It was suggested that TCC keep in touch with the Museum to see if there were ways to work with it.

Betty Steele

Draft Minutes - to be approved at the January 13th meeting.