

Selectmen

Tamworth Conservation Commission
Tamworth, NH 03886

DRAFT MINUTES - MEETING April 14, 1997

PRESENT: John Bersfelder, Chris Conrod, Charlie Townsend, Roy Ames, Jr., Alan Smith, Betty Steele. Potential members - Marlene Ostrowsky, Kris Bontaites. Representative of Lakes Region Conservation Trust - Sam Mekrut

1. Alternates - will serve as voting members since TCC doesn't have a full Commission. If there is only one vote, alternates will take turns voting.
2. Minutes of March 10 and March 26 meetings approved.
3. Lakes Region Conservation Trust. Sam Mekrut, Community Coordinator for LRCT said she wants to network with region to see what is being done in land protection and how the Trust can help. Wants community based programs. Purpose of the Trust's Conservation Heritage Program is to get more members and more volunteers. Chris presented the map he had made for TCC showing protected lands in town, and discussed TCC priorities, methods of working and work with other organizations and volunteers. It was hoped it would be possible to reproduce such an excellent map, even though it was in colors. It was suggested the Selectmen might like to have it hung in their office. Sam said cost of Stewardship is a factor when the Trust accepts land. Chris said TCC may have almost as much as it can manage. Some relationship with LRCT would help.
4. Embor Chris had sent each member a draft letter to seek members for TCC which now has only four. It was suggested this first be put in Tamworth Civic Association Newsletter and then be sent to Carroll County Independent. There was some discussion of its length and one or two minor deletions were suggested.

The two potential members were asked to speak. Marlene said she was an AMC member, liked hiking and kayaking; also she is interested in sludge and its possible danger. Her address is 56 Chinook Trail, tel. 323-2336. Kris said she had lived in Tamworth, and been on staff of N. H. Fish and Game for 14 years. She is regional biologist in area from Mt. Washington to Concord and Vermont to Maine. Statewide she is biologist for moose management. She wants to learn more about local government and how to work to protect land. Her address is 531 Depot Rd., tel. 333-7354. John said members should be able to attend meetings fairly regularly, go to workshops if they wish, and take on work for TCC in which they are interested.

VOICE I - That Marlene Ostrowsky and Kris Bontaites be nominated to the Selectmen for membership, if they wish it. (Moved by Betty, seconded by Alan).

Marlene and Kris both said they would like to become members, and were asked to meet with John and the Selectmen at the Thursday, March 24th meeting, at 7:30 pm.

5. File drawer for TCC - Charlie agreed to inventory it.
6. Treasurers Report - TCC records are now at the town's auditors. Charlie was asked to keep track of all expenditures until records are returned. Mary Hills, Town Treasurer will give TCC a report on the Conservation Fund.

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7. Town Meeting. Town voted to return TCC unexpended appropriation to the Conservation Fund. Chris had asked, at Town Meeting, for input from any residents interested in sludge or in herbicide spraying of power lines. He has had no response. It was suggested asking the Selectmen to appoint a committee on sludge.

VOTE II - To ask the Selectmen to create of committee on sludge composed of one Selectmen, two Planning Board members, two TCC members and a number of at large members. (Moved by Chris, seconded by Roy and others).

It was agreed it was not timely to create a committee on herbicide, but it should be studied. Kris agreed to research it and report findings to TCC.

8. Wetlands, Forestry Minimum Impact - John reported an application, for Farloy, on east side of route 16, just south of Bowditch Runnells State Forest.
9. Chocorua Lake -HB 473 to permit electric powered boats on the lake. It was reported that amendements would be offered to firm up the ban and to include any motorized equipment. The hearing has been postponed to Ray 6th. John will try to go.
10. Havelock. Since TCC last discussed this with Laura Havelock she had contacted Lakes Region Conservation Trust as she had heard the Selectmen would not accept an easement. John went to a meeting with her and LRCT. It was agreed that Chris and John should have a discussion with the Selectmen on land protection so Selectmen and TCC would not be working a cross purposes.
11. Straw. She is still undecided on selling her riverside property. Kevin Thomas has talked with her and now will ask his father Bruce to talk, with her. Chris said Mrs. Straw had asked Alsn Bontaites to talk with her. She wants her land protected but appears to prefer talking to making a decision.
12. James Pond. Alan will ask David Little if he has received John's letter and if he is interested in meeting with TCC.
13. Hemenway Permit. TCC has to take the initiative to request an extension of the permit; it isn't extended automatically.
14. Trails. Alan will have the flier printed before next TCC meeting. It was agreed to order 1000. Roy will see that the Hemenway Box is put up. John said Chris Clyne will work on Easy Walkers Trail and will contact Betty in regard to plants there. Chris will also work on Remick Natural Area. Charlie will check over and reprint description of Loop Trail.
15. Handbook. As it was late, it was agreed to postpone work on the Handbook until the next meeting, despite all the work John had done to prepare pages for it for each member. Each member should bring the Handbook to the next meeting.
16. Reports - John had received an Environmental Quality Report on i. H. and report on N. H. Lakes protection policy. Chris took the Environmental Quality report to read.

These Draft Minutes are subject to approval at the May 12th meeting of TCC.

Betty Steele