

Tamworth Conservation Commission
Tamworth, NH 03886

DRAFT MINUTES - MEETING May 12, 1997

PRESENT: John Mersfelder, Chris Conrod, Roy Ames, Kris Bontaites, Charlie Townsend, Marlene Ostrowsky, Betty Steele. John Roberts and Kim Noyes, representing the Remick Foundation.

1. Alternate Vote: John named Betty as the alternate to vote at this meeting.
2. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.
3. Remick Foundation - John Roberts described plans of the Foundation to fill the back edge of the road for parking, putting in boulders for retainers, a path from the side of the road to town parking with a small foot bridge and more parking at the top of the hill at the left. TCC members took a field trip to the site to understand what was planned, but it was agreed that wetlands were not involved in the plans, so no action was needed.
4. Members. The Selectmen have approved Kris Bontaites as a full member of TCC and she has been sworn in. Marlene Ostrowsky was approved as an alternate member for the reason that she was a newcomer to town. She has not yet been sworn in, but will be shortly. Both appointments were for 3 years.
5. Sludge - John had asked the Selectmen to develop a sludge committee. There was no immediate response, but they will think about it.
6. Members. Chris has received no response to his letter, re new members. It was agreed that for the time being this should be pursued only by individual effort.
7. Conservation Fund now stands at \$5179.79 as of April 30th. TCC receives bank statements monthly. The current ones were turned over to Charlie.
8. Payments. John reported payments had now been made for N. H. A. C. C. dues, booklet on biodiversity, and to Minuteman Press for trail brochures.
9. TCC space needs. TCC has much useful material, brochures, etc., which it would be hoped could be kept for easy reference, perhaps in a good bookcase, with glass doors, but locked so it would be used by authorized personnel.. Possibly this could be in the front hall of the Town Office building. John will ask the Selectmen.
10. Meeting with Selectmen, to improve communications. It was agreed, after some discussion that John and Chris, rather than the whole Commission, should meet with the Selectmen as more could be accomplished with a smaller group. They wish to discuss the mission of TCC and TCC guidelines on easements, among other things.
11. TCC Manual. John gave out insert pages to go in the manual, and described the new minimum impact application form which was included. Each member is to put these in the manual and correct the pagination to agree with the table of contents. John gave a complete corrected manual to Marlene, and gave both Marlene and Chris the NHACC manual for the state and the TCC Conservation Plan which was developed some years ago.
12. Chocorua Lake - legislation. The bill to permit electric motors on the lake has been amended to ban any powered vehicles on the lake. The bill now goes back to the House.

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13. Vernal Pools. Ned Beecher is documenting them in the area, maybe working with Audubon and Fish and Game Non-Game programs. For TCC this could tie in with protection techniques, perhaps through education of owners. It was agreed to ask Ned to make a presentation to TCC. After that a decision might be made as to action on this.
14. Chocorua Lake Conservation Foundation. John is a member of that board and therefore liaison between CLCF and TCC. CLCF is concerned to see if state is reducing salt on highways near waterways and has asked if TCC would look into this. John will ask Lakes Region Planning Commission.
15. Forestry Minimum Impact. John reported - Susan Nickerson, Chocorua, logger - Johnson.
16. Easement sign. Scott Aspinall has the sign, supplied by TCC, but has not let TCC know when he wants it installed. It was agreed he should be asked to set a time for this. Chris will talk with him.
17. James Pond - Alan has written to David Little about this.
18. Brochures. Before these are distributed Chris and Roy will make Jackman Pond No. Trail passable by putting bridge back in place and clearing where trail abuts the gravel pit. Altho some work is needed on trails this is the only one which is impassable. Chris felt because of the part through blackberry bushes this could be cleared twice a year.

Kris agreed to distribute brochures. Among places suggested were the stores in Tamworth, Chocorua, including Canfields, Whittier, So. Tamworth, Tamworth Inn, Remick Museum, Chocorua and Tamworth Libraries, Staffords and any other places she thinks would be useful. Roy will do the four trail boxes and needs about 100 - Kris will leave them for him at Barry Paterno's store in South Tamworth. John gave Roy guides to Easy Walkers Trail, for the Hemenway box, and Charlie will get those for Big Pines to Roy.
19. Turtles. Barry Paterno is knowledgeable about turtles and has done some searching for them at Heath Pond Bog, for Fish and Game Non-Game. It was agreed he might be willing to talk with TCC about turtles and problems in protecting them. Roy will ask him.
20. Household Hazardous Waste. John reported grant monies available for extra collections, so all wouldn't be done at just one date. It was agreed because of population requirements this would have to be a cooperative effort by several towns. This information should be given to the Selectmen.
21. Current Use. John reported a Workshop to be held in the Albany Town Hall, May 22, 7 - 9 p.m. The fee is \$5. This is sponsored by Lakes Region Planning and the Forestry Society. John, Marlene and Kris will go. John will register them and have a check sent. Betty had attended workshop on the subject at the NHACC annual meeting, and reported it concerned the tax advantages of current use designation.
22. Letters of appreciation. John will write to Peter Pohl, and to Ned Beecher who is leading TCC birdwalks in May.
23. Sludge - it was agreed this subject must be pursued in one way or another.

Betty Steele

Draft Minutes, subject to approval at June 9th meeting.