

**Tamworth Conservation Commission
Tamworth, NH 03886**

DRAFT MINUTES - MEETING July 14, 1997

PRESENT: John Mersfelder, Chris Conrod, Charlie Townsend, Alan Smith,
Betty Steele

1. Alternates - John announced that both Betty and Alan would have a vote at this meeting.
2. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved with one change in item 4 - Chris was with John in checking the Alt lot, and John informed Jim Alt in writing that they agreed with the proposal.
3. Handbook. John distributed a corrected list of members, to include in the handbook.
4. Bookcase - there will be a delay in Mr. Rines building this, as his wife is quite ill.
5. Conservation News Bulletin - John gave out copies of it. He plans to go to the August 13th meeting. TCC will pay fee if any member wants to go to a workshop.
6. Trails. There was a discussion of brochure distribution which Kris is handling, and of the need to replenish supplies, which were being picked up fast from distribution sites. TCC needs its own brochures for Black Spruce dogs and a box to put them in. Alan will work on this, and can base it on the original one the Office of State Planning published after the Pitch Pines were named as a national natural area. There is also a small brochure the state is distributing, as the original one is out of print.
 Jackman North - bridge is not repaired yet, and blackberries have grown in so near the gravel pit, that it would be difficult to push through them without protective clothing. It was agreed TCC should hire someone, probably a young person, this summer, to keep the trail brushed out. John will talk with Roy.
7. Soc. for the Protection of N. H. Forests - has requested TCC to fill out a monitoring report on easements on which the Society holds an executory interest, Alt easements and Cave.
8. Lakes Region Conservation Trust wants to develop cooperation in acquiring easements. Would like a meeting of different local groups interested in land protection, LRCT has created something - CHIP, similar to LCIP. John will answer the letter and send names of those who might be interested. Nealy Lanou. of CLCF, pres. of Wonalancet Protection Association, and Kris Bontaites were suggested.
9. Ossipee Watershed Region. John read a letter from Richard Cook, of Audubon, stating this region was one of the top six in the state of great ecological value and that Audubon, Nature Conservancy and Forestry Soc. were working on it, under a grant from EPA. They want to attend TCC's September meeting and make a presentation of about 1 1/2 hours. Each organization will focus on its own area of interest. It was agreed this should be a separate meeting, not a TCC regular meeting. Choice of dates were: August 25th, Sept. 15, and Sept. 22 in that order. Agreed to ask other organizations in town and to Include LRCT.
10. James Pond - Alan will follow up on this, as he has heard nothing as yet.

11. Household **Hazardous** waste, Signs **are** at the dump and brochures have been distributed. Volunteers **are** needed from each town. It was thought Marlene might do **it**, and Charlie said he could talk with Glen at the dump who might know of someone. John will send a note to the Sun,
12. Biosolids. John had a long conference with the Selectmen as to how to cope with the subject. It was agreed that the Selectmen would establish a committee of one Selectmen, one from TCC, one from Planning Board, and one at large member. John has written a newsrelease, which he will check **with** the Selectmen and then send to the paper. It was agreed to suggest to the Selectmen Marlene, and Charlie as a back up, for the TCC member. John had been to the **biosolid** meeting and demonstration at **Everett** Davis's farm.
13. CLCF - president Nealy **Lanou** asked for information on prime wetlands north of Chocorua Lake, which John sent her, There was some discussion as to TCC involvement **as** to easements in this area, but **it** was felt this was a CLCF concern and **it** was more equipped to take action than TCC.
14. Vernal Pool Survey - Ned Beecher would like to come to a TCC meeting to present his report on **this** study. Little is known about vernal pools, even as to how to define them. They **are** not classified as wetlands, and there is no regulation, but they are important for frog and salamander propagation **as** there **are** no fish predators **as** in other water bodies.
15. NHACC Questionnaire. There **was** discussion **as** to answers to **it**.
16. Education. John said **Kris had** several good slide shows, and perhaps TCC could sponsor a showing,
17. TCC Conservation **Plan**. There was discussion of revising this, but as **it was** felt **.not** to be in line with current conservation thinking **it** would need to be completely rewritten, **This was** written around 1970, and was meant to be updated regularly, but this **has** not been done. John felt that much of the material that would be in such a plan was already in the Master Plan. John and Chris had helped in writing the conservation section of this. **It was** finally agreed that what factual information needed to be documented could be included in the TCC Handboak. This could be considered at each meeting, **as** needed, rather than being a complete project.

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