

DRAFT MINUTES - Meeting, August 11, 1997

PRESENT: John Mersfelder, Marlene Ostrowski, Chris Conrod, Charlie Townsend, Kris Bontaites, Betty Steele, Plan Smith (at 8 p.m.)

Ned Beecher came to discuss vernal pools and biosolids

1. Designated voting - Betty Steele was designated.
2. Minutes of the July meeting were approved.
3. Vernal pools. Ned Yaid he had started documenting vernal pools, a voluntary program. Univ. of N. H., Audubon Soc. of N. H. and Fish & Game Non-Game Wildlife program have put together a booklet. There is no formal program as yet in N. H., but an attempt is being made to locate and map the pools. They are marginal wetlands, containing one or all of the following: wood frogs, fairy shrimp, finger nail clams and spotted salamander, which are important in nutrient cycling and thrive in these pools as there are no fish as predators. It is hoped to get people interested in documentation, to add to the inventory. Most aren't protected, although a few could be classified as wetlands. It was agreed that spring would be time to take some action - maybe a walk with someone from UNH to lead, maybe some community project, or maybe in cooperation with Tin Mt.
4. Biosolid Committee. Ned was the only responder to a public request for committee members, but he agreed with John that it might be better for him to serve as a consultant. He works for White Mt. Research Management. John said the Selectmen might prefer that TCC lead the committee. He asked for those interested - Charlie, Marlene and Chris would be glad to serve. If TCC leads it will do so making a study of the best scientific data available. As there is such a wealth of material available it might be better to limit the reseach to local problems or potential problems.  
  
Ned said Ambrose wants to reclaim pits in Tamworth, including that in Jackman Pond. This pit is close to ground water, but three other pits are not. There will be a three-year demonstration ground water monitoring project at some sites, of which LeTarte's will be one. Ned said sludge with heavy metals was regulated.
5. Administrative matters. Charlie, as treasurer will keep track of expenditures from appropriations since March. It was agreed all payments should go through charlie, not directly to Town, and should be reflected in minutes. John reported Dottie Hidden had resigned as secretary to the Selectmen and they are searching for a replacement. The Conservation Fund is being audited. Maybe guidelines should be established, to be included in the handbook, for expenditures from the Conservation Fund.
6. Household Hazardous Waste. Marlene had volunteers on the collection day. She asked if there were more specific lists of what is acceptable than the very general ones published - it would have helped her in conversing with people bringing waste to the site.
7. Ossipee Watershed Project. TCC has agreed to host a meeting with Madison and Sandwich, for a presentation on this project. He will try for Sept. 15th, as there is a conflict with Tamworth Foundation annual meeting on August 25th. He has been in touch with Laura Deming at Audubon. Sam Mekrut, of Lakes Region Conservation Trust will be at the meeting. She wants to identify priorities in land conservation and work with Conservation Commissions. TCC will serve refreshments - members should bring cookies, etc. It was agreed a

7. (cont.)<sup>map</sup> should be developed with a general showing of **areas** to be **protected** - Chris will bring something to the September meeting, to be discussed.
8. James Pond. David Little will talk with John and Alan sometime within the two weeks after August 16th - Alan will set up the meeting with him.
9. Brochures. **Kris reported all are** gone, and more **are** needed.
 

**VOTE I** - That TCC authorize Alan to order 2000 more **brochures**, on **better** quality stock, and in **an'** earthy color. (**Moved** by Chris, seconded by Betty. Vote unanimous.)
10. Intent to log. John reported two areas, one on ~~the~~ **opposite** side of Great Hill Road from **Dana Steele's** house, and the other in the **Bowditch** Runnells forest on the west side of Route 16.
11. Water quality. John reported routine notices from Skandia and Sonata Housing requesting that **TCC** cooperate in not polluting its property (**Hobbs lot**) , which **might** pollute **their** wells.

Betty Steele

DRAFT MINUTES TO BE APPROVED AT **SEPTEMBER 8th** MEETING.