

Selectmen

Tamworth Conservation Commission

Tamworth, NH 03886

DRAFT MINUTES - MEETING September 8, 1997

 PRESENT: John Mersfelder, Chris Conrod, Charlie Townsend, Kris Bontaites,
 Marlene Ostrowski, Plan Smith, Betty Steele

1. Alternates - both alternates have a vote at this meeting.
2. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved, with the following corrections in item # 4: 3rd line - White Mt. Resource Management; 5th line - Kris (not Chris); 1st line, 2nd paragraph - near Jackman Pond (not in Jackman Pond).
3. Treasurer's Report: A bill from Minute Man Press for the second printing of the brochure, for \$245.98 has been submitted to the Town. Agreed that the new brochure looked well.
4. Dredge & Fill - John gave each member a copy of the State's new dredge and fill form, to replace 38 A - F in the TCC handbook. He reported a new state law which classifies any holder of an easement as an abutter.
5. Biosolid Committee. The Selectmen agreed at the 8/14 meeting that there should be three members on the committee: Bruce Robinson (chm. of selectmen), a citizen at large (Tom Lindsay) and a TCC member. It was agreed Marlene should represent TCC. TCC does not yet have this in writing but the Selectmen's clerk, Janet Connors has reported this verbally. John felt the committee priority should be to find information, without bias.
6. Biosolid application - Robert Pmbrose, with Charlie Hanson project manager, for a 5-year term for permit for his gravel pit. White Mt. Resource Management questions whether the land abutting TCC land is suitable for this type of biosolid application, as the soils are too close to ground water, so White Mt. is withdrawing the application. The fill would include short paper fiber. The application will require a public hearing by DES.
7. Ossipee Watershed Project presentation, September 22nd, 7:30 p.m., at the Town House. TCC is host. John has called Mark Olson and Chip Kimball, of Madison and Sandwich Conservation Commission respectively, urging them to contact people who they wish to come. TCC will invite some landowners, and representatives of conservation organizations. He read a list of landowners with significant acreage along Bryant Brook and Swift and Bearcamp Rivers, whom he felt should be invited, and gave each member a copy of his proposed letter to them. He spoke of Lakes Region Conservation Trust which wants to find where TCC is going. John has talked with her and invited her to the meeting. Chris said, and others agreed, that other organizations more deeply involved in easements and land purchase than TCC should be encouraged to help in land protection in Tamworth, with TCC as a facilitator. TCC is host to the Sept. 22nd meeting, and therefore responsible for refreshments. Kris will make some cookies, Betty a batch of brownies, and Cathie Mersfelder will make something. Chris agreed to get cider, Marlene to make coffee, and Charlie offered to help.

In connection with land protection John spoke of two hilltops which could need protection from development: Page and McDaniels hills.
8. James Pond. John, Alan and Chris have met with David Little to discuss an easement. David appeared concerned about public access, but it was felt it might be waived in this case. It was also agreed there were other options than an easement to the Town of Tamworth. Alan spoke of possibility of encouraging a Chocorua Lake Conservation Foundation covenant.



9. Black Spruce Bogs Brochure, Alan will work on it and bring a draft to TCC.
10. Timber sales. John reported two by the State - one on west side of Route 16, on the addition to the **Bowditch** Runnells State Forest, and the other in Hemenway, off Great Hill Road. Chocorua Lake Conservation Foundation is interested in the **first** one. This will involve forestry **minimum** impact. It will be mostly red and white pine. John has talked with Toby Page. He also had a letter from the forester for both projects. That on Great Hill will be in the **urea** of Lunts Ledge. It **will** involve taking some hardwood in order to free up softwoods to improve moose and deer habitat. Kris **said** the **sales** is a money making project, to produce funds for management as a white pine stand. There are not many areas which can be so managed. She said Fish and Game was consulted on **management** of wildlife, and could receive some funding to help with it. John **Lanier**, of Fish and Game is checking the area. He either does the layout for the cut, or approves what has been done.
11. N. H. Pollution Prevention Week, proclaimed by Gov. Shahene, to **start** September **15th**.
12. Soils **map** standards of the State have been changed, so **Tamworth** will need to change its standards.

Betty Steele

N. H. A. C. C. annual meeting will be November let. Notices will be sent.

DRAFT MINUTES TO BE APPROVED AT OCTOBER 13th MEETING.