

Tamworth Conservation Commission
Tamworth, NW 03886

DRAFT MINUTES - MEETING - February 9, 1998

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

New Beecher - concerned with biosolids.

1. Alternates voting. John announced that Betty would have a vote. The other two alternates, ~~Marlene~~ and Plan, were not yet at the meeting, but came in shortly.
 2. Minutes. Item #11 of Jan. 12th minutes, line 7 - should read "but whose . incorporators were all from Massachusetts" and to replace line 9, beginning "those involved" with "The purpose is to advertise the biosolid industry." And preface the next sentence to read "One member suggested there is potential conflict of interest", etc.
 3. Treasurer's report. Charlie reported that the Town had applied the \$4.44 unspent from the TCC ayppropriation to the TCC interest bearing account, as voted at the 1997 Town Meeting. John reported he took the budget to the Finance Committee, but few questions were asked.
 4. NH/VT survey questionnaire. John asked that members complete it and send it in to him. Only one person had done so as yet.
 5. N.H.A.C.C. - John, who is a member of this board, is on a committee for its annual meeting program and asked for suggestions. It was felt that biosolids were still an item of concern, and should be included in the program in some way, other than only dispensing general information.
 6. Members. The terms of John and Chris expire this year. John, at the request of the other members, agreed he would accept appointment for another term. Chris felt he would not accept another term, but would still be involved in trails and easement monitoring. John suggested Chris serve as a consultant to TCC. Chris's resignation was accepted with much regret, and with a vote of thanks for the work he had done for the Commission and for the Town. John asked that Chris train someone in the process of easement documentation and monitoring. Two names were suggested as possible members; John will pursue this.
- It was agreed that with Chris no longer on the Commission it was most important to keep procedures as to Wetlands up to date, and especially so as there have been frequent changes. Specific needs for TCC were for members knowledgable in forestry, soils or hydrology, but agreed that anyone interested and willing to serve would be most helpful. It is possible to hire those with specialized knowledge as needed. Alan will draft an article for the newspapers on the need for members.
7. James Pond. Alan reported that David Little will be in touch with TCC about it.
 8. Forestry Minimum Impacet. John reported applications, with work ready to begin from Alex Finley, David Welch, Sarah Gallagher, and A. B. Thompson Trust, as well as two incomplete applications.
 9. Trails. Chris reported the trails at Jackman were in fair shape, although the bridge on Jackman North had washed downstream, as usual. He has an idea how this might be handled. It was agreed that work would be needed on Hemenway, especially the Spur Trail. John asked Alan if he would bring in a design for a trailhead box at White Lake, one to be taken down in winter.

10. Biosolids. Ned Beecher spoke on this, He is Interim Coordinator for New England Biosolids and Residual Association, which is incorporated in Tamworth. He works from his home. The organization is made up chiefly of municipal waste water treatment officials, who are concerned with the negative press on biosolids. Their work is neither pro or con, but is to deal with the problem and do it in consideration of economics. He said biosolid recycling is a sound practice and wants to see that people have basic information. His organization can provide answers to many of the problems and will sponsor research. He said towns needs to oversee distribution of biosolids properly, but it is not a big risk issue, as much research has been done at federal and state level. His recommendation would be for a study committee to research the state and federal regulations and what problems to watch for, so there can be proper oversight of sludge application. He felt an ordinance was unnecessary. As there were many questions as to the article petitioned for the warrant both legal, and as to how the Selectmen have decided to handle it, it was agreed John would talk with the Selectmen at this week's meeting, and if necessary a special meeting could be called to deal with the subject.
11. \$ and Sense. John reported a meeting Monday, March 16th, 7 - 9 p.m. at the Public Library in Center Ossipee. It was agreed to try to support this and encourage people to come. This relates to Current Use status of land.
12. Ossipee Watershed Project. John reported two upcoming meetings - Thursday, March 5th on Water Supply Lands, in the Town Hall, Ctr. Ossipee, 7 - 8:30 pm., and Wednesday, June 24th a Land Protection Workshop at Runnells Hall, 7 - 9 p.m., with a \$10 charge to cover materials. It has been requested that TCC be a co-sponsor to these, but the Commission did not feel it wise to take on extra work to publicize this, at this time.

Betty Steele

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