
Tamworth Conservation Commission
Tamworth, NH 03886

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Draft Minutes - Meeting - May 11, 1998

Present: Kris Bontaites, John Mersfelder, Charlie Townsend, Alan
Smith, Betty Steele, Bob Griffin, and Marlene Ostrowski (at 7:55)

1. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.
2. By-Laws - Charlie presented the revised version.,
VOTE I - To adopt the By-laws as revised. (Moved by Betty, seconded by John)
3. Treasurer's Report. Charlie had requested the Town to pay Alan \$19.95 for the Bird house-map box, and \$35 to N. H. Assoc. of Conservation Commissions as final payment on dues. He reported a balance of \$885.05 in the appropriations account and \$12,144.72 in the Conservation Fund.

VOTE II - To approve the Treasurer's Report. (Moved by Betty, seconded by Alan)

4. Membership. There was discussion of how to fill the 4 vacancies. However Bob Griffin is willing to serve, which takes care of one. Three other possibilities were suggested, and these will be pursued.

VOTE III - To nominate to the Selectmen Bob Griffin as a member. (Moved by Betty, seconded by Marlene)

5. Trails. John had met with Ned Beecher and Chris Clyne to go over what needs to be done. Scott Hammond, Brett School, has offered to help with his students. John will meet with Scott on May 20th. All this - Remick Area.

VOTE IV - To authorize John to spend up to \$20 for lumber for a small bridge needed across a brook in the Remick Natural Area. (Moved by Betty, seconded by Charlie)

Hemenway. It was agreed to have a trail clearing morning, 8 - 12, oh Saturday, ~~May~~ 30th. Bob, Kris and Marlene can come. John will post notices and send publicity to Carroll County Independent ^{and Conway Sun}. Bob was asked to be trail coordinator, and agreed.

VOTE V - To appoint Bob as Trail Coordinator. (Moved by Betty, seconded by Charlie)

Black Spruce trail. Alan presented a bird house-map box for this trail. He has worked on a brochure, which already has been approved by TCC. He suggests using Minute Man kress and ask for a natural colored stock. He will get an estimate on costs and then TCC can decide on how many needed. There is not much activity there until June or early July.

6. Gallagher property. John reported an offer had been made and accepted from a young couple, artists, who will live there, with the closing to be in July. He also reported that it is to be sold subject to an easement for the trail to the ledges. There was discussion as to who should hold the easement; some felt it should be the Town. Chocorua Lake Conservation Foundation felt it was out of their area. It was agreed TCC should draft language for an easement, and maybe include the ledges. John will draft this. Betty suggested that perhaps a barrier was needed to prevent vehicles from using it, as this has caused problems in the past. It should be for pedestrian use, with vehicles only using it by permission of the owners. John will draft this, send TCC members and TOC chm., Helen Steele, a copy for comment.

7. Harry Welch property, now owned by Diane Davison. John had originally drafted a letter to her before Vote I of the April meeting, which now needs revising.
8. Rogerson property, Hollow Hill Road. Kris had talked with Jean Rogerson who would like TCC to put together a draft easement and a map, showing relationship of this to other land, especially TCC land, Mill Brook, etc. Then she can decide, she is not familiar with easements, but doesn't want the land developed. Kris and John will work on this and on the letter to Diane Davison, item #7 above.
9. Farley property. The Wetlands Board has asked Robin Rancourt for more information.
10. Biosolids. Marlene said minutes of the committee meeting would be sent to TCC, Selectmen, etc. When they come Kris will send them to Betty for the records. The meeting had discussed basic concerns, allocated items to members for study and a written report. On June 20th a tour is planned to the Franklin Waste Management plant. Paul King, the chairman was well organized, and committee work should go well.
11. REPP met on May 2 in conjunction with the Green Mt. Conservation group. Kris reported Tamworth was the town with most suggestions for land protection, these based chiefly on natural resources, rather than cultural.
12. Green Mt. Conservation Group wants Tamworth to join to develop a "land trust" for multiple towns, with 12 monthly meetings rotated among the 6 towns involved, plus 4 regional meetings, with the aim to protect large contiguous areas. Does TCC want to join? Plan questioned the multiplicity of similar organizations with the many meetings. John questioned the plan for a "land trust" which is something formal and highly organized. He felt TCC might provide means of finding common goals among these organizations,, but that TCC would not do organizing or publicity. Kris asked Marlene to be the TCC representative on such a committee and Marlene accepted.
13. Scenic Byways. Kris reported that Ralph Weymouth had investigated this and felt it would tend to spoil Tamworth's rural roads, as it would doubtless lead to widening them, to meet traffic demands. It was agreed TCC doesn't want to support this.
4. Black Bear Slide Show, by Kris. The meeting in the Town Hall was postponed, as it is not suitable for slide shows. Kris would prefer Runnells Hall, and a date has been set for May 26th. Kris will write a press release for this.

VOIE VI To authorize the expenditure of \$25 for rent for Runnells Hall.
(moved by John, seconded by Betty.)

Betty Steele

Draft Minutes, to be approved at the June 10th meeting.