

Tamworth Conservation Commission
Tamworth, NH 03886

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DRAFT MINUTES - MEETING - July 13, 1998

PRESENT: Kris Bontaites, John Mersfelder, Charlie Townsend, Marlene Ostrowski, Alan Smith, Betty Steele. Non-members - Andrew Mockler, Chris Conrod, Laura Havelock Campbell, and, at 8 p.m., Scott Aspinall

1. Minutes of previous meeting were approved.
2. Treasurer's report. Charlie reported \$12,260.13 in the Conservation Fund. The recent order for 250 more brochures cost \$68.66.

VOTE I - To approve the treasurer's report. (Moved by Bob, second by John).

3. Membership. Bob Griffin has now been sworn in as a member. Laura Campbell is interested in membership, but as she is not a resident of Tamworth she can help, but not be a legal member of the Commission. She is in Tamworth on weekends in the summer, tel. 323-7792, but lives in Watertown, Mass., tel. 617-926-9247. She is keeping the land she owns but selling the house. She volunteered to help in monitoring easements.
4. Easement monitoring. Chris Conrod, former Commission member who set up the monitoring of easements, said he had volunteers - Peter Smart, Ned Beecher, Richard Gerard and now Laura Campbell - as well as Chris, himself. Chris wants one meeting for all volunteers who can come at which he will give the background of the whole monitoring program which he set up. He would like Commission members there also. The meeting will be at 7:00 p.m., 7/22, at Kris Bontaites' house, 531 Depot Road, Yellow house on left, with big barn. The Commission needs a new chief of easement monitoring.
5. Jackman North - bridge on TCC property. (The bridge on this trail which is on Lindsay property is all right) Chris had been consulted by Bob, and recommends two stringers with cross pieces, 16' each, 2" x 8", tied to a tree so it won't be flooded away.

VOTE II - To authorize Bob to spend up to \$150 for the bridge, to come from the TCC appropriation.

Bob will work this out with Chris. Betty said the blackberry bushes on this trail, by the gravel pit, make it all but impassable. They usually need clipping twice a year.

6. Membership. Scott Aspinall, who had now come in to the meeting, said he would be glad to serve on TCC. He was somewhat hesitant, if appointed, to plunge in immediately as overseer of easement monitoring, as requested, but would rather work his way in slowly. He also stated that many people granting easements to the town were his clients, which might involve conflict of interests, but was assured the overseeing job only involved coordinating the work, not in making any decisions - those must be made by vote of TCC.

VOTE III - To nominate Scott Aspinall as a member of TCC. (Moved by Betty, seconded by Charlie)

At Kris' request Scott agreed to go with her to the Selectboard meeting on Thursday, July 23rd.

7. Easements - Page Hill. Andrew Mockler, who was at the meeting, is in the process of buying a large acreage on Page Hill and the house, from Sally Gallagher (one of the founders of TCC and its first secretary). John gave everyone a copy of an easement deed along the woodroad to the ledges, and the ledges themselves. Mr. Mockler approves the easement and the

7. (cont.) Selectboard ^g has accepted it. John drafted it, with some modifications by the Town counsel.

VGIE IV - To accept the easment as written. (Moved by Betty, second Bob).

On discussion of maintenance of the woodroad trail, John ~~said~~ he felt TCC could maintain it, as it could get help from Tamworth Outing Club. Alan presented a written proposal that he would like to present to the Chocorua Lake Conservation Foundation describing the easement. Mr. Mockler said this was satisfactory to him. There was discussion of a sign, "no Motor vehicles" or perhaps a barricade.

8. Easements, Nothing new has taken place on the Welch or Rogerson easement. No letter has been sent to Rogerson yet, but will be shortly.
9. Trails. Black Spruce Bogs - Bob reported a box had been put up at the trail head, and that he felt there should be one at the Pitch Pine Trailhead ~~part~~ way up the west shore of the lake. He had consulted the State Park supervisor at White Lake who approved it. Alan will get another box similar to the first one.

NOTE V - To allocate \$20 for the box. (moved by Marlene, second Betty). Kris has distributed trail brochures, but not to campgrounds. It was agreed one might be posted at each of the four campgrounds, rather than to buy more brochures. Alan said Chocorua Lake Conservation Foundation had put a donation box in one of its kiosks at a trail head, and collected a considerable amount of money. There was discussion as to whether this would be appropriate for TCC and also whether it would be legal without a vote at Town Meeting. Charlie will look into the legal process when TCC accepts gifts. Marlene suggested a note in a trailhead box to see if any trail users want to help with trail clearing. Bob will follow up on this.

Great Hill - Bob reported he had marked trees which might be removed to improve the view from the tower. He will check with Bob Hardy, regional forester, as to nutting these. Big Pines - Bob has consulted Dave Bowles, who designed the bridge, as to the sag. Dave suggested monitoring it, which Bob will do, to see if it gets worse. If it doesn't there appears to be no immediate problem.

10. Wetlands. The Selectboard had received a complaint from the State as to fill in the wetlands near the dump. This has been checked and the Selectboard has written the State that there has been no fill put in there in the past few years.
11. Biosolids. Charlie reported the Selectboard was pursuing options in regard to the landfill closing. Marlene reported low attendance at the last meeting of the biosolid committee. The trip to Franklin wastewater plant had been cancelled for lack of participants, but may be held in the future in coordination with Green Mt. Conservation Group. Minutes of the Committee will go to the Selectboard and also to Green Mt. Green Mt. will publish a newsletter to which each town in its area can contribute. If GNCG comes out with any policy statement representative of all towns it involves, it would need a vote of each Conservation Commission.
12. REPP initiative by Lakes Region Planning, a chance for towns to identify land needing protection, has had no recent action reported to TCC.
13. Household Hazardous Waste, John reported posters and sign at dump were up, and some brochures distributed. It was suggested Jean and Charles Tewksbury might help on collection day. John will call them.
14. Univ. of Vt, Survey. John gave a copy of this to each member. It was agreed discussion of this should be on the agenda for the next meeting.

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14. (cont.) VOTE VI - That members should read this and be ready to discuss it at the next meeting. (Moved by Marlene, seconded by John).
15. Estate Planning. Soc. for the Prot. of N. H. Forests held a workshop which was not well attended even though publicized to all residents. They have prepared a copy of the Tamworth Master Plan map on which they have written in the tax map numbers - a big help to TCC.
16. Mission Statement. Kris suggested a special meeting might be needed to review TCC philosophy and mission, and to check over maps to see if there were special lands needing protection. Current emphasis is basically on riparian lands.
17. Estate Planning. Eleanor Olton has expressed an interest in the SPNHF meeting, although she was unable to attend. John will call to see what she wanted. Betty said Percy Olton, now seriously handicapped, had done a tremendous amount of work for TCC during the years he served on it.

Betty Steele

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