

Tamworth Conservation Commission
Tamworth, NH 03886

DRAFT MINUTES - MEETING - SEPTEMBER 14, 1998

PRESENT: Kris Bontaites, John Mersfelder, Charlie Townsend, Eob Griffin,
 Marlene Ostrowski, Alan Smith, Betty Steele, Laura Campbell

1. The Secretary's report was accepted as written.
2. Treasurer's report. Charles reported \$732.09 in the operating account. There is a bill for N.H. Association of Conservation Commissions dues, due 4/1/99, for \$ 175.

VOTE I - To pay the bill for N.H. A.C.C. dues now. (moved by John, seconded by Charlie)

VOTE II - To pay a bill from Chris Conrod for \$15 for signs at Jackman Pond. (Moved by Charlie, seconded by Bob)

3. Members. The Selectboard needs to formally agree to appoint Marlene as a regular member of TCC, not as an alternate. Laura Campbell offered to serve as an Associate Member of TCC.

VOTE III - To accept Laura's offer to be an Associate Member.
 (Moved by Betty, seconded by Bob).

John will give Laura a N. H. A. C. C. book, and will get a TCC book to her sometime.

4. Easements. John gave out a list of TCC easements. Marlene came in to the meeting at this point, 7:45. A coordinator of easements is needed. Charlie offered to do this but would need to have an assistant. Rogerson - nothing has developed here as yet, as Mrs. Rogerson is hard to reach.
5. Black Spruce. Maps are needed. Bob will put them out and monitor the situation, as there is a possibility they are being grabbed up and wasted at this location.
6. Brochures. Kris hasn't many left. Original cost for 2000 was \$245. Kris has distributed to stores, inns, etc. Bob will put some in trail head boxes.
7. Trails. Bob has cleared blowdowns on Spur and Loop trails in Hemenway, except for one large tree on the Spur Trail. Three near the fire tower which were to be cut are already down. Hardy has been asked to cut the one on the Spur Trail when he does the cutting near the tower.
8. Dredge and Fill. The Wetlands Board has approved the Bemis Farm application for work by Pollard Brook.
9. Chocorua Lake Conservation Foundation board is upset that Sam and Damon Newsom have put in sand for a beach on the little lake, which is against the covenants and also should have a permit from the State. CLCF will probably write TCC a letter in the form of a complaint.

The CLCF board is also concerned that properties abutting Chocorua River, north of the lake, dump sewage into the river. TCC, which is not a regulatory board, but only advisory, recommended that CLCF contact the state Water Supply and Pollution Division to register complaint, and request that it test the water (though it may be sometime before the Division is able to take action).

9. Biosolids. Marlene reported the work of the committee had slowed, and was carried on by only four people. The Green Mt. Conservation Group has sponsored a seminar which was not too well attended: but at which there was a worthwhile discussion with panellists. Starting now the committee will start to work on concerns, whereas previous work had been to gather information. The Green Mt. Group wants to meet with TCC to give information re a weekend with Cooperative Extension. Marlene will write up a report of the seminar and give to Ecty for distribution to TCC members.
10. Lookcase for Town Office lobby. Chris has given an estimate of \$150, which covers only materials and cost of tool use, with apparently no charge for labor. However ~~it~~ was felt it should be 55" in height, and 40" wide, which is slightly larger than dimensions shown on his plan, as he had felt restricted by position of an electrical outlet. However it was felt it could be at left of the outlet and therefore not restricted in size. Bob will talk with him and find the extra cost, and report at the Octobur meeting.
11. Deeryard. Kris has a list of these which have been mapped so far.
12. Events. Kris spoke of a Municipal Law Lecture Series starting October 21, at Interlakes School in Meredith, 7-9-p.m.; this needs pre-registration. This can be discussed at the October meeting. But far more important Kris felt was a Special Places Conference, Saturday, October 3rd, at N. H. Technical Institute in Concord, 8:30 - 4, with registration needed by Sept. 25. Kris, John, Laura and Betty will go. Kris will register these four, and offered to drive down in her van.

VOTE IV - To pay up to \$40 for fees for this conference.

Kris said this is part of R. E. P. and if similar to the LCIP program.:

13. NHPCC Annual meeting is Saturday, Nov. 7th. No registration request has come as yet. John is a member of the NH'CC board and is on the committee for the annual meeting program.
14. Grants. Kris said the State Conservation Committee will offer grants using a portion of receipts from conservation plates, but these may not be available for a couple of years. But TCC should start consideration of this shortly if it decides to apply, as the application needs to be well thought out for whatever project is applied for.
15. Dumping. Kris reported dumping of mattresses and other large pieces on state and private land, citing in particular land near Black Spruce Eogs. This latter would be a concern of White Lakes State Park. She suggested that the woodroad here might be gated.
16. Land Protection. John reported that George Smith had sold land along Bearcamp River to Steven Holden. John will contact Holden as to any additional protection he may want. Kabel Evans land - 30 acres is for Sale; David and Betty Welch appear to have power of attorney for this as Mabel is in a nursing home. The field is for sale for \$65,000 and the house, with some land, for \$90,000, or \$152000 for the complete package. Alex Cook has contacted some people as to first opportunity to buy - Remick Foundation, Bemis Farm, and Town committee as to possible use as a recreation field. There is probably not much TCC can do here. The Episcopal Church has bought 15 acres of land in back of the church and wants suggestions as to an easement. John may talk with the Vestry.

17. Trails - Earle Remick . John handed out the draft for a brochure . Charlie will work on this and give John a critique, as he requested.
18. TCC Workshop. Kris reported the results show that Land Yrotection was the chief general interest and TCC members own education was the chief specific interest. There is a need for one more get together after Kris has time to work on the results of the last one more.

Betty Steele

Draft Minutes to be approved at October meeting.