

**Tamworth Conservation Commission
Tamworth, NH 03886**

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DRAFT MINUTES - MEETING - October 12, 1998

PRESENT: Kris Bontaite, John Mersfelder, Charlie Townsend; Alternates - Alan Smith, Betty Steele. Associate - Laura Campbell

1. Minutes were accepted with one correction - To substitute the words "may consider" for "will probably" in the first paragraph of item # 9.
2. Treasurer's report - There is \$542.09 left in the appropriation, with all bills paid to date. There is one yet to come - Kris spent \$30 for members to go to the Special Places conference, She will send Charlie a bill for this.
3. Members - Marlene Ostrowski has been approved by the Selectboard as a full member of TCC; she has been an alternate.
4. Trails. It was reported that Bob Griffin had cleared the blow downs on both the Spur Trail and the Page Hill trail. Betty commented how good it was to have Jackman North usable after some years when it was not passable the whole way. And the whole commission felt Bob Griffin should be thanked for all the work he has done on trails this year, which was an especially bad year because of weather conditions.
5. Easements. Rogerson - Kris has not yet been able to reach Mrs. Rogerson by phone, so will write her. St. Andrews Church has asked for advice on land recently purchase; John will talk with the Vestry some time in the spring, to advise on land use.
6. Land use. George Smith sold land to Mr. Holden, owner of Moultonboro Country Store, and probably intends to preserve it. John will contact him.
7. Easement Monitoring. Soc. for the Protection of N. H. Forests has requested a report on easements it holds, as has Peter Helm, Office of State Planning, on the Land Conservation Investment Program easements - Perkins, Cave and Aspinall. Charlie was given these requests, which he will give to each person monitoring those easements. It was agreed TCC should do all monitoring in the fall; Charlie will let SINHF and Off. of State Planning know. Alan reported he has town tax maps, and will show covenants Chocorua Lake Cons. Foundation holds in the northeast corner of town. Discussion - should TCC get all our easements on the tax naps, or should we talk with the Selectboard about Town easements, and Chocorua Lake Cons. Foundation and Wonalancet Protection Association (These latter were for 25 years and are expiring, or up for renewal.)
 VOTE I - That TCC furnish the Town with a list of Town held easements and request that they be put on the tax map. (Moved by John, second Betty)
 It was reported that some funding is available for marking lines of LCIP easements,
8. Brochures - Kris reported that there still is a good supply of these.
9. Remick Natural Area. Charlie reported some minor clearing was needed for trees recently down, and that it was still difficult to follow the trail.
10. Wetlands. The Wetlands Board has sent TCC copy of a complaint, a copy also to the Selectboard, as to possible violation off Swift River Way, where Richard Timco has put a stone retaining wall across the river - it has requested that he refrain from doing any more, or put in an after the fact application.

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10. Wetlands - Complaint (cont.) John reported a copy of a letter from Chocorua Lake Conservation Foundation by Nealy Lanou president, to the Newsoms to say sand has been put in the water of the little lake to make a beach in violation of the covenants and probably in violation of dredge and fill regulations. Alan reported he and Bob Griffin had checked on this and that it was in violation of State regulations. We felt TCC should take a stand here. However after considerable discussion it was agreed that Nealy was handling a difficult situation in what appeared to be the best way possible to avoid confrontation with those responsible and that no action was needed as yet from TCC. With the report on the site from Alan and Bob, TCC would be able to take action if Nealy was unable to resolve the problem by negotiations. It was agreed that John, as Wetlands coordinator, would keep in touch with Nealy; and noted that he is a member of both TCC and CLCF boards.
 11. TCC Bookcase. An estimate has been received from Chris Conrod of cost of \$200 for a case sanded and ready to paint, and of \$275, using Amish blue paint.
 12. There was a discussion of the questionnaire from Special Places and agreed each member who had one should send it in now.
 13. VOTE II - To authorize up to \$100 for members to attend the N. H. Assoc. of Conservation Commissions Annual Meeting on Saturday, November 7. (Moved by Betty, seconded by Charlie).
- John, Betty and Laura plan to go. Charlie will contact Marlene and Bob to see if they want to go, and will send in the registration.
14. NHACC ballot. Each member should review it and advise Kris before Nov. 7 of recommendations as to how to vote. The Commission has just one vote. Copy of ballots to be sent to members not at meeting.
 15. Special Places questionnaire - it was agreed that in general TCC would support all initiatives that will maintain open space and preserve natural resources.

Betty Steele

Draft Minutes, to be approved at the November meeting.