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**Tamworth Conservation Commission**  
**Tamworth, NH 03886**

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DRAFT MINUTES - MEETING - NOVEMBER 9, 1998

PRESENT: John Mersfelder, Charlie Townsend, Bob Griffin, Betty Steele,  
 Laura Campbell, Bob Hardy - State Forester

1. Hemenway - timber cutting. Bob Hardy outlined timber cutting on Great Hill, with maps and then showed a video. Because of the ice storm extensive cutting will be done now, and other planned cuttings will be postponed. There is need to salvage timber - softwood must be salvaged within two years before it turns to pulp and hardwood in a few years longer. The cutting will help the fire hazard to some extent, mostly by compacting. A 9½ acre clear cut is planned somewhat south of the tower. After some discussion of pros and cons, TCC agreed that the clear cut was advisable. The main concern was public relations. It was suggested to Bob that he write an article for the Tamworth Civic Association newsletter to explain the need for a clear cut. In the other areas there will be more selective cutting - that is of single trees which have lost most of the crown. Bob said the special use permit for the Spur Trail included also the trail from the parking area on the road above Dana Steele's to the Tower - TCC members had not realized this was included, but agreed they wanted it. Bob will flag the trail which is partly obscured with branches. The timber cut will be done in winter to protect the many pine seedlings and others which are coming up.
2. secretary's report was accepted as written, although with one clarification. Bob Griffin and Alan Smith did not inspect the Lewisom filling in Chocorua Lake for the Conservation Commission, but noted what had happened when they were in the area for other purposes. Bob said they knew it was in violation of the covenants, but weren't enough familiar with state regulations to know whether or not it was in violation.
3. Treasurer's report. Charlie reported \$452.09 left in appropriation with all bills paid to date.
4. Bookcase. Agreed to give the OK to Chris Conrod to go ahead with the bid of \$275.
5. easements - Hogerson. Mrs. Rogerson has been ill. TCC has heard from her daughter who would like a copy of the letter to her mother, in order to decide how to resyond.
6. NHACC Ballot. It was agreed to support the Land and Community Heritage Commission, the bill to reduce sprawl and the bill for municipal control of junk yards, rather than the sole state control as at present. It was agreed the TCC stand on biosolids should not be any less restrictive than federal standards.
7. Biosolid Committee. John reported committee was near the stage of public hearings, probably would propose adoption of new state regulations in proposing a local ordinance. It is studying the state regulations, and have agreed on certain changes for the local ordinance. It was requested that TCC be the keeper of site plans and applications in regard to sludge. TCC agreed to this and John will report that to the committee.
8. Landfill Committee - Charlie reported no meetings recently, but that Lou Wiesner had submitted a report on a Governor's recycling meeting.

9. Land and Water Conservation Fund. John reported that local commissions are urged to write Congress to request that the state portion of the distribution of these funds be revived. It had been dropped by the government with this portion of the funds going into the general fund. It was also urged that the Selectboard also sign this letter. John will draft a letter.
10. Slack Spruce - brochures which were put on lakeside trail were all taken and the box vandalized. Bob said these should go in the park office instead, and he will take care of this.
11. Route 16 Study - John reported a meeting November 18, 6 - 9 p.m. at Runnells Hall. It is hoped that some member of the TCC can attend. John will be away, so unable to.
12. Violation - Timko. John reported that DES is not taking action on the rocks put in the river near Swift River Way, but will let nature take its course.

Betty Steele

Draft Minutes, to be approved at the December meeting.