
Tamworth Conservation Commission
Tamworth, NH 03886

DRAFT MINUTES - MEETING - April 12, 1999

PRESENT: Kris Bontaites, John Mersfelder, Charlie Townsend, Eob Griffin,
 Betty Steele

1. There was no meeting in March. Minutes of the February meeting- were approved.
2. Charlie reported there was \$12,716.70 in the Conservation Fund.
3. Dredge and Fill - Larry Hickerson. Don Johnson of Forest Land Improvement was present to address the issue. John reported he had requested and been granted a 40-day extension for report to Wetlands Bureau. It is minimum impactés as to the number of square feet to be filled, but there are some concerns as to wetlands. The site is in Chocorua on the west side of Route 16, just south of the village. The project is to build a road around an old beaver pond, to high ground and a development site, and involves 4 culverts. John and Charlie had visited the site with Don Johnson.

VOTE I - To advise Wetlands Bureau of TCC approval with a comment that it is close to a wetlands and owners should be aware that traffic could cause spillage, for which owner would be rponsible. (Moved by John, seconded by Betty).

4. Trails - Chris Conrod, who was present to make the report in item 5, said he had walked both Jackman rond trails. The bridge was still in place. The trails need blazing.
5. Friends of the Sandwich Range. Chris reported this as an informal organization of about 50 people from Tamworth, Sandwich, Holderness and Campton, who are concerned as to Forest Service operations in Sandwich Gotch. They want to expand the Sandwich Range Wilderness area to almost double its size; this would involve an act of Congress, and will doubtless take several years to accomplish. He presented a map showing the area of the proposal. The Friends plan to contact all concerned organizations for support. Chris asked if TCC would host a presentation by the Friends, which takes abut 30 minutes. Then there would be open discussion. 'If TCC would need to do issupply the locale - the Town House-and act as host. The Wilderness Society in Boston is supportive, a representative has attended meetings and is helping. There is a meeting of The Friends, open to anyone interested, on April 22nd, 7 p.m. at the Community School. Chris then left the meeting. After discussion, TCC then agreed to host the meeting but not to take a stand on the issue. Kris will let Chris know.
6. Concern re salt on roads has been expressed by Herb Cooper, as reported by Charlie. The concern was general, with no specifics. It was suggested that Herb seek more information which would be available at the UNH Library and come to TCC with information as to Tamworth roads. What is the Town policy as to salt? If TCC can help, then Herb could let them know.
7. Trails. Eob will check them all, get boxes out and brochures out, and will do marking as needed. It was suggested TCC should meet with Drew Mockler as to cutting around top of Page Hill.
8. Minimum impact. Kris reported two applications - Lindsays and Lloyd Rhodes.
9. Lakes Region Planning Commission. Kris said that LRPC wanted nominations for the Kim Myers award, and proposed Betty be nominated. She reported an LRPC meeting on April 14, 7 p.m. at the Wolfeboro Community Center on roles and responsibilities of planning commissions. Another meeting (over)

9. i C (cont.) is to be on April 22 in Meredith on listing of Resources at Risk. Kris gave a report on Town involvement in listing lands needing protection. Danbury at top with 99 sites. Tamworth was far down the list. The Land and Community Heritage would like a volunteer willing to present its slide show.
10. Green Mt. Conservation Group. Friday April 16, Eon Kilham will give a presentation on Black Bears, and Wednesday April 28 there will be a presentation on the Pine River State Forest. The State is proposing an TV trail through the forest. Kris has the detailed information.
11. Route 16 Corridor. Bob had been at a steering committee meeting at which there were about a dozen people, a good representation of the committee. John had been at a general meeting, last Friday, a public meeting, with certain groups specifically invited, so that there would be input from a cross section of people. Although there were 50 people at the meeting he didn't feel it a good representation of the town as a whole.
12. Kris reported a UNH Cooperative Extension meeting in Concord, Save It or Save It, on April 24. She also reminded me about the N. H. Assoc. 6 Conservation Commissions annual meeting will be on November 6.
13. Members. Two members terms expire this year - Charlie Towns and as a regular member and Betty Steele as an alternate. It was agreed to recommend both for reappointment for another three year term.
14. Student projects, as recommended by Peter Pohl. This is an opportunity for TCC to get help with a project. It was mentioned that TCC is sponsoring a presentation on vernal pools, on April 27, 17:30 at the Town House. Ned will do the publicity. It was suggested TCC might ask for student help on a project to identify vernal pools, if Ned would supervise it. John will talk with Ned about this.

Betty Steele

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