

Tamworth Conservation Commission
Tamworth, NH 03886

DRAFT MINUTES - MEETING - May 10, 1999

PRESENT: Kris Bontaites, John Mersfelder, Bob Griffin, Alan Smith, Betty Steele
 Nancy Johnson, representing Lakes Region Planning

1. Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted.
2. John reported there was \$12,763.57 in the Conservation fund, as of April.
3. Lakes Region Planning. Nancy Johnson said a bill had passed for the N. H. Land and Community Heritage Commission, and will probably be funded. The proposed division of funding is that Towns would pay 40% which could be In-Kind, and the Commission would pay 60%. Unated easements are In-Kind. she is assembling an inventory for the Data Base, and so far has ten priorities of land needing protection for Tamworth. However these were not determined by TCC as a whole as only four people drew up the list, only one of whom was a TCC member. The ten are: Ossipee Mountains, Farms on rte. 25 west of route 113, farms on old Rte. 25, rine Barrens, Tamworth Village/Behr Farm, rage Hill, James Pond, Steele Farm in Wonalancet, Straw Farm on Depot Road (138 acres) and Mountain Farm. She gave out a Data Base Form from REEP (Regional Environmental Planning Program) and asked TCC to add to it and prioritize. It would be helpful, though not necessary to have it by June 15th. The inventory should include areas needing attention, though not necessarily a grant. Nancy then left the meeting. It was agreed a special meeting would be needed to discuss this, meeting date to be Monday, May 24th, 7 p.m.
4. Easement - Mabel Evans. The Hayfield Trust is being formed, 4 or 5 people, with closing to be May 27. Tho Trust wants to put an easement on the property and then sell it to recoup some of costs. They wish to use one acre for a house and ancillary buildings, although cot to subdivide. John presented a proposed easement, prepared by Ken Cargill, for discussion.

VOTE 1 - to approve the easement with exceptions: To revise it to omit any aesthetic judgment as to the buildings; and that there should be access consistent with agricultural use. (moved by John, seconded by Bob).

The reasons it was felt this easement would be valuable: prime agricultural land, part of Bearcamp River Watershed, scenic views and open space.
5. Trails. Bob reported he had been on all trails, boxes were all put up and maps put out. He will check the sway on the bridge at Big Pines. He has done some work there and at Black spruce. Jackman needs some fresh paint markings. He recommends taking down the big sign on Jackman south as it has been vandalized. There is also some debris on the trail. It was agreed to ask Monty Carlson, of Community School, if the school would police this trail, as an environmental project. It was also agreed a new sign on Hte. 113 was needed for Jackman - the one put up many years ago has deteriorated. It was agreed to ask Chris Conrod for a bid on a sign. Bob also said he had distributed brochures.
6. Lakes Region Planning. Kris announced several dates for this Commission - Annual Meeting June 28, Wireless Telecommunication Facilities Workshop May 13, Results of Tamworth Visions Workshop of April 9, to be taken up at a Workshop June 12.

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7. Easement monitoring. TCC asks Charlie Townsend to give a report at next meeting as to where we are, and what needs to be done.
8. Biosolids. John said the committee report had been submitted to the selectmen with the proposal to adopt it as a health ordinance. Need to get State rules already adopted before the selectmen can make a decision.
9. Conservation Fund - John said there needs to be a discussion of it and how to develop it, including asking for some funding from the Use Change Tax. The Natural Resource map should be reviewed and maybe updated. This is a big subject and Kris said it could be part of the Planning Meeting.
10. James Pond. Alan reported David Little wants to do something to protect it, although he is not in favor of a Chocorua Lake Assoc. covenant or of an easement to the Town.
11. Planning Meeting. It was agreed to hold it Friday, June 11, 3 p.m., at Betty's house.
12. Zoning Ordinance. It was agreed TCC should support this. John gave out copies of the proposed ordinance; and he also said there was a good section on zoning in the N. H. Assoc. of Conservation Commissions book.

VOTE II - To authorize John to say at the hearing on zoning, this Wed., that TCC has a mandate to protect the natural resources of the Town. TCC has met and come to the decision that it supports zoning in ways in which it protects natural resources. (Moved by Bob, seconded by Alan).

Betty Steele

Draft Minutes to be approved at the next meeting.