
Tamworth Conservation Commission
Tamworth, NH 03886

DRAFT MINUTES - MEETING - June 14, 1999

PRESENT: Kris Bontaites, John Mersfelder, Charlie Townsend, bob Griffin,
 Alan Smith, Betty Steele, and Laura Campbell, Associate.
 Amy Berrier, from Tamworth Civic Association.

1. Minutes of the May 10 and May 24 meetings were approved.
2. Treasurer's report - Charlie reported \$12,811.80 in the Conservation Fund, and no expenditures from the appropriation. The report was accepted.
3. Tamworth Family Day - Sunday, July 4th. It was agreed TCC would have a **both**, and have arranged with Bearcamp Valley Sportsmen's Club to have a space in their tent. Parker Roberts, who was at the meeting briefly, agreed to this. Kris will be there the whole time, but has other responsibilities, so hoped Betty and John could staff the booth, and others too as they were able. Betty agreed to 12 - 4, with time to get lunch. There was discussion of maps to use in the booth, with visitors urged to place pins in areas not now protected but which they feel should be. Kris and Charlie will make a duplicate of Chris Conrod's map of protected areas, for use at the booth
4. Tamworth Civic Association. Amy Berrier joined in the above discussion as to maps. There is considerable concern re publishing any trail map showing trails on private property, and further discussion as to how to strike a balance on this; also whether to consult individually each organization involved with trails, or to have a general meeting. It seemed the most feasible way would be to consult individually.

Amy presented a written outline, and asked for comments, for a Town Profile and Guidebook, an ambitious project of Tamworth Civic Association, for which material is being gathered during the summer. Many other volunteers are being involved in this work. It will contain maps and hence the general concern addressed above as to mapping trails on private lands.

John presented a draft of an article for Tamworth Civic News, which will come out before Family Day, on the Hayfield Easement, and asked for comments. He will work further on this, based on comments made and send it in for the News.

5. It was agreed to ask Lakes Region Planning for a base map, to be used with overlays - such as roads, water bodies, conservation lands, etc., but probably not zoning as it would be premature. As there are indications this could not be done before Family Day, this will be a longer term project. Mr. Whitman, of LRPC, had told John the commission could help with this.
6. Easement Monitoring. Charlie, as coordinator, would **like** to work with Laura as she monitors her easement, so he can become familiar with the project.
7. Education Program. Kris can do a program on Bears on Thursday, July 29th, provided Runnells Hall is available. John will check, and if so submit the listing to Tamworth Civic News for inclusion in the events column. If it is held in Runnells Hall the librarian could be asked for some display of books on bears.

8. Land Protection - Louise Straw. Her land is on both sides of Depot Road. It is in part adjacent to White Lake State park. It is prime conservation land with a large vernal pool, two pot hole ponds, river frontage, a deeryard, and a wild life corridor. It is also prime land for a gravel pit and for development. Louise Straw would like to protect it, but has no money to spend on protection. She does not really understand about means of protection and can't make up her mind as to how to go about it. John has talked with her several times over the past ten years, but without getting any decision. It was suggested that she be presented with two or three concrete options, to help her in making a decision, or maybe with two options - showing what it would be like if the land were sold, and what it would be like if it were protected. Plan Bontaites, Kris's husband, knows her well and could help in the approach to her. It was agreed to have one more try - plan to make the appointment and meet her with John and perhaps another man from TCC. This probably could not be done until early fall.

Betty Steele

Draft Minutes, to be approved at the nex meeting.