

Tamworth, NH 03886

DRAFT MINUTES - MEETING - September 13, 1999

PRESENT: Kris Bontaites, John Mersfelder, Charlie Townsend, Bob Griffin,
Alternates - Alan Smith, Betty Steele

1. Minutes were approved with one addition. Add Item 11 - John handed out materials on Land Use Change Tax, to be commented on at the next meeting.
2. Treas. Report. Conservation Fund stands at \$12,909.56.

VOLE I - To authorize payment of the bill for \$175 for dues for the N. H. Association of Conservation Commission. (Moved by Betty, seconded by Bob.)

3. Dredge and Fill. TCC has been notified that the applications from Larry Nickerson, and from the Chocorua Lake Project have been approved, the latter with certain conditions. Application have been received from David Bowles for a snowmobile bridge, and from Scott Aspinall. There is a minimum impact application from Joan Cave.

Marge Swope has written to ask if we want to continue notification of Wetlands decisions. Yes, we do - so no action is needed.

4. Trails. Bob Griffin had met with Eagle Scout, Tom Dyrenforth, to go over the route of a proposed interpretive trail on Remick Museum land, from their parking lot, down to Swift River, up along the river to the woods (this part a widening of a current trail) and thence through a field and around back to the parking lot. How may want more historical information. Bob felt it was a good project, and the Remick Museum people agree. It won't impact the river. Tom will send TCC a draft of what he will present to the Scouts and to the Heinick Museum.

5. Signs. The easement sign for Perkins Farm easement needs painting, as it is illegible. Bob will do this. The Jackman Pond Natural Area sign on Route 113 is in disrepair and needs replacing.

6. Tin Mt. interpretive trail. John presented a letter from Gally Leach, teacher/naturalist with Tin Mt. for an interpretive trail at Jackman North Trail. There was considerable discussion, as to the part on private land, and problems with an outside organization working on TCC land. Betty felt that TCC should keep abreast of plans as they are developed and retain control over what is done. This is especially necessary as the work is to be done by students from Mt. Washington Valley Academy and the brochure written by them, although under the supervision of Gally Leach.

VOLE II - To authorize Bob to work with Gally Leach and with the private landowners, the Lindseys, to see how far this can go forward. (Moved by Charlie, seconded by John.)

If the trail cannot go on the part of Jackman North that is on private land, it can go on the TCC owned portion of the trail. It should start on the trail head at Route 113. There was discussion of also putting it on Jackman South Trail. This too includes private land, but the Hansons don't seem concerned about a trail on their land, and probably would be agreeable to this. TCC has no formal agreement with them.

7. Thompson Natural Area, on Route 25. It was reported that trash had been dumped there. Bob will check this. Perhaps a clean up party will be needed.

8. **Easement Monitoring.** Should we hire the coordinator for this? John has talked with Chris about this and asked if he would do it, and what the fee would be. There followed some discussion as to hiring a person to do the whole monitoring job, **not just** the coordinating **the work** of volunteers. It would be a question of costs. Agreed that John should ask Chris for an estimate on just coordinating the volunteer work, and one on doing the whole monitoring job.

Alan asked about easements, and was not sure whether he had the TCC manual re this. Betty will check to see what number was on the manual given him so as to be sure one had been given.

9. **Membership.** It was agreed that Kris would **get** in touch with Marlene Ostrowski (John to give her the current address) to see if she is formally resigning, with a letter to the Selectmen, and if so if she will return the materials TCC has given her.

There was discussion of other possible members and several names were suggested. Kris and John will follow up on these.

10. **Meetings.** Kris reported on the EPA on Clean Water Action Plan, Sept. 15, at Runnels Hall, 7 p.m. There is to be one in every county. She reminded members of the NHACC annual meeting on November 6th. John reported a meeting of the Land Conservation Coalition on Sept. 29, 9:30 am, an all day **meeting** at the Soc. for the Protection of N. H. Forests headquarters on Portsmouth St. in Concord.
11. **Trails.** Betty reported that the trail up Great Hill from the parking lot on the west side had been **lumbered** over in the state's salvaging of lumber from the ice storm. Dana Steele had cleared it since the ice **storm**, but **lumbering** has taken place since then. She will check the trail and report to Bob.

Betty Steele

Draft Minutes, to be approved at the October meeting.