

Tamworth Conservation Commission
Tamworth, NH 03886

DRAFT MINUTES - MEETING - November 8, 1999

PRESENT: Kris Bontaites, John Mersfelder, Charlie Townsend, Alan Smith, Betty Steele. Martin Risley of Bergeron Civil Engineers was present during discussion of town transfer station

1. Secretary's report - accepted as written except in item # 7, VOTE I, it should read Land Use Change Tax, not just Land Use Tax.
2. Treasurer's report. Conservation Fund - \$13,012.79. and amount left in appropriation with all current bills paid - \$620.
3. Dredge and Fill - Town transfer station. Permit application dated November 3. Permit acceptance is needed shortly, as Selectmen cannot put work out to bid until they have it. Once the bids are in the Selectmen will ask for a vote in Town Meeting. The proposed site is on new Route 25 on land being purchased from Karl Smith, on the south side of highway. Only 14 acres will be used for the transfer station leaving 80 acres for other purposes as it is a 94 acre plot. Other purpose might be for a town forest as there is emergent pine and future for timber. Betty said Wil Smith had operated it as a tree farm. There will be an 80 ft. culvert under the entrance road. There will be some dredge in upper levels and this used as fill for the entrance road. The wetland impacted is one of lower value than many. Mr. Risley said there would be silt fences parallel to contours, and ditches graded and lined with jute mat as erosion control. There might be other alternatives to this, but he felt this would be the best solution. A ditch above the station will drain off water from the mountain. Concern was for the amount of drain off and disposition of water from plant itself and from trucks. Mr. Risley said that as well as the wetlands permits, the state would require a permit for sits specific alteration of terrain, and the project is designed to meet those standards.

VOTE I - To approve the plan as submitted without any further conditions. (Moved by John, seconded by Bob)

Prior to the vote there had been a full presentation of the project, with numerous plans shown and considerable discussion. Mr. Risley left the meeting just before the vote.

4. Dredge and Fill - Barnstormers. It was agreed to intervene and set up a site visit. Betty said that Paul Menle would be the Barnstormer contact. She hoped that action could be expedited, as work must be done before winter. (Note: After the meeting it was brought up that only storm runoff was involved and the engineer (Jeff Parks, of Bauen Corp. in Meredith,) had said it would be minimum impact). Betty explained, at the meeting, that a whole basement area had been dug out under the theatre in what had previously been crawl space and a number of rooms, workshops and rehearsal space had been built. The water in the basement this summer had been pumped across Great Hill Road, with permission from the owner of that land; this was a temporary solution, and because of the drought this summer there was not much water pumped, but rains this fall had meant more water to be pumped. Vote on this matter, which was taken after little discussion, as it was so late:

VOTE II - To intervene on Barnstormer/Tamworth inn proposal. (moved by Charlie, seconded by Bob.)

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5. Trails. Bob reported that the Boxes in Hemenway and Black Spruce had been taken down for the winter, and trash at Thompson Natural Area picked up. The trail to Great Hill Tower, on the west side, has been cleared of slash and blazed. Signs for the trail are being considered, but that will require consultation with the state.

Jackman Pond Wildlife Area sign on Route 113 is in disrepair. Chris Conrod has put in a bid of \$120 just to make the sign, and \$200 to paint and hang it.

VOTE III - To accept Chris's bid of \$200. (Moved by Betty, second Bob)

Bob will call Chris.

On Jackman North Trail both bridges had been vandalized, raising serious concern as to whether more work should be done as to an interpretive guide for the trail. The vandalism pushed the bridge on Town property down stream and it has now been put back. Vandalism on the bridge on Lindsay property destroyed half the bridge and apparently was done with a sledge hammer. Bob felt this was a planned act, not just casual. Also a beheaded snake had been pinned to the map box and there was considerable blood there. He said a neighbor of the Lindsays had told them two boys were seen leaving the trail, local boys, but not from Community School. There was lengthy discussion as to how to proceed. It was finally agreed to consult the Lindsays, to see if it was possible to find who is responsible and then talk with the Selectmen to find their suggestions, as all the destruction was of Town property, even though one bridge was on Lindsay land.

6. Remick Natural Area Trail. John gave each member a copy of the interpretive guide to the trail.
7. Meetings. Two meetings, both on Nov. 17, were reported. Probably of less importance was the Lakes Region Planning at Gale Library in Laconia, 7 p.m., on natural cultural and historic inventory. The second one, in which John felt TCC should be involved as it concerned Ossipee River Watershed, was at Ossipee Town Hall, Center Ossipee, N. H., 7 p.m. The notice read "N. H. Rivers Management and Protection Program, presentation and discussion on nominating the Pine, Bearcamp and Ossipee Rivers to the program, co-sponsored by Ossipee Conservation Commission and Green Mt. Conservation Group, featuring Jim McCartney, N. H. Dept. of Environmental Services. John and Charlie will try to attend.
8. Land Use Change Tax. After some discussion the following was voted:
VOTE IV - TCC will try to acquire 100% of the Land Use Change Tax, up to an annual cap of \$5000, and to put an article in the Warrant to that effect. (Moved by Charlie, second Betty)
9. TCC Handbook. Kris requested all members to bring a copy of the Handbook to the next meeting, when the pagination will be straightened out,
10. Land protection Flap. John wanted to know who had done all the work of gutting tax map numbers on this map. Betty will search the minutes to see if the information is there, and let John know.

Betty Steele

Draft Minutes, to be approved at the December meeting.