
Tamworth Conservation Commission
Tamworth, NH 03886

DRAFT MINUTES - MEETING - December 13, 1999

PRESENT: John Mersfelder presiding, Charlie Townsend, Betty Steele
Visitor - Blair Folts, from Green Mt. conservation Group

1. River Program. Blair Folts had come to talk about this and to urge TCC to take part in the effort to have Bearcamp River nominated for inclusion in the program. It would be necessary to have an advisory committee with three people appointed by the Selectmen. This committee would zone the river; zoning would have legal status under a N. H. RSA. zones would be natural, rural, **rural** community or community. Sandwich, and Ossipee in **part**, are also involved with the Bsarcamp, and committees from the three towns should work together. The committee should build local support, do animal habitat study, pollution study, natural resource inventory, and map. What this would accomplish - awareness, water monitoring and cooperation between towns. DES must have a hearing before the river can be nominated and to do so must **have** community support. The Committee should contact the State Rivers Coordinator, and also some of the abutters to help with the work. The only problem with abutters might be with zoning the river. John asked if the Bearcamp wansn't already under the Shoreline Protection Act.

Before Folts left the meeting she spoke of two meetings that TCC members might want to attend. January 6, Madison rublic Library, 7 - 9 pm, Madison Conservation Commission and Green Mt. Conservation Group on subject of Class 6 roads in N. H., with Carolyn Baldwin as **speaker**. January 22, Runnells Hall, 6 - 9 pm, pot luck and Annual Meeting of Green Mt. Conservatioc Group on subject of Watershed Work in New England, with Bob Zimmerman as speaker.

2. Secretary's minutes were accepted with one change - the balance in TCC appropriation if \$600, not \$620.
3. Treasurer's report. There is \$13,122.76 in the Conssrvation Fund. Chris Conrod is owed \$200 and will send in his bill to John to include in this year's accounts. Betty will send in to Charlie her bill for 120 stamped envelopes. There was discussion of need for a TCC filing cabinet, insread of using a lot of boxes in different places.

VOTE I - That TCC authorize up to \$250 for puchase of a filing cabinet and folders. (Moved by John, seconded by Betty).

John will follow through with this vote.

4. Wetlands - Dredge and Fill. The Barnstormers application was put in as regular dredge and fill, not minimum impact. John, after having further information felt there was no need of intervention and as it is TCC policy to expedite such applications, wrote DES to say TCC found the application complete and accurate, and had no objections. DES has acknowledged receipt. DES has approved application for a snowmobile bridge across Swift River at Fowlers Mill. On the Aspinall application to build a pond, DES needs more information and investigation of a possible alternative site.

DES has acknowledged receipt of TCC report on Tamworth application of dredge and fill for a transfer station.

5. handbook pagination. postponed to next meeting. Members asked to bring books.
6. Membership. Laura Campbell has sent TCC a letter resigning as an Associate.

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7. Land Use Change Tax (LUCT). John wrote a draft letter to give Selectmen reasons in support of TCC request for a warrant article for putting LUCT in the Conservation Fund. It is urgent that each member read this and let John know by this Thursday noon of any suggestions for changes. Copy was given to each member present and will be sent to others.
8. Tamworth Today booklet, of Tamworth Civic Association. John has been asked to write an article on easement protection in town. My Berrier would like to include a map of easements.
9. Easement. John reported that Katie Thompson hoped that TCC would consider an easement on Thompson Trust property on Mason Hill Road in South Tamworth. However TCC now feels that unless it is especially important that the Town hold an easement, that requests should be referred to the Lakes Region Conservation Trust, as TCC already has as many easements as it can handle in view of monitoring requirements. John has talked this over with Katie.

Betty Steele

Draft Minutes, to be approved at the January meeting.