

Tamworth Conservation Commission

Draft Minutes – February 12, 2024, Tamworth Town Office

Draft minutes to be reviewed and approved at a subsequent meeting

Call to Order – Nelson O'Bryan called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm. Commissioners present were Nelson O'Bryan, Charlie Townsend, Jeremy Phillips, Kit Morgan and Dylan Alden. Commissioners absent: Teresa Fournier and Eileen Shelly. Alternates present: Lucy Gatchell and Ned Beecher. Alternates absent: Stephanie Doyle. Also present: Nick Grant, Planning Board. Nelson appointed Lucy and Ned to fill the empty seats.

Approval of Minutes for 01/08/2024 – Nelson moved to accept the minutes as written. Jeremy seconded, motion carried.

Administrative and Announcements

Received notice that the Forest Society has monitored the Reich easement on 7/18/2023.

The 2024 Saving Special Places Workshop will be on April 6, 2024, in Alton (extension.unh.edu/savingspecialplaces).

“The Importance of Protecting Wetlands” program will be held in Eaton, at the town hall, February 29 at 6:30 pm.

TCC term appointments have been accepted by the Select Board. Be sure to get sworn in by March.

Financial – Charlie reported that the Select Board did not challenge the proposed TCC budget.

Planning Board – Nick Grant reported that the Tamworth Economic Development Council has dissolved. The Planning Board is reviewing a subdivision on Locke Falls Road. On January 31 the Board met with the contractor doing the build-out analysis. The Groundwater Protection Ordinance Committee met with Ed Mautone, the newly hired compliance officer, 02/08/24.

Select Board – Richard Doucette was absent.

Easement Monitoring – Still waiting on one report.

Public Education and Outreach – The Cook Library is having a summer adventure program this year. They have asked TCC if there is interest in filling a small backpack with necessities for hiking and/or observing nature. A number of people have things that they could put into the pack. Those things will be brought to the next meeting and the commission will choose the best appropriate items.

Conservation Easements/Land Protection

Holden and Cook – Nelson will attend the February 22 Select Board meeting. He will recommend that the Board accept the new proposed Holden Easement and he will present Cook's offer to donate the oxbow lot or put an easement on it.

Alt Consolidation – While Nelson is at the Select Board meeting, he will have the Chair sign the two final reassignment easements, which have been completed and signed by the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests.

Aspinall Lot – An interested buyer is coming back for a second look at the lot. Nelson and Don Berry at Lakes Region Conservation Trust agree that it would be best to wait and see if the interested buyer makes an offer.

Wetlands/Shorelands – Green Mountain Conservation Group has sent Nelson a copy of their 2023 water quality monitoring report. Nelson will email it to the commissioners.

Adjourn – There being no other business brought before the Commission, Jeremy moved, Kit seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:54 pm.

Submitted by Chris Conrod, TCC Administrative Assistant.