

Tuftonboro Conservation Commission
March 17, 2008

7:30 PM meeting called to order

Commissioners present: Mike Phelps, Chairman, Gary Chehames, Dawn Evans, Win Wood;
Members of the Lake Winnepesaukee Watershed Association: Dean Anson, and Francis Laase

The **LWWA** has been monitoring the Winnepesaukee watershed for 17 years. The group solicits donations to fund the collection of samples to be sent to UNH for testing, publishing an annual report of the results. Currently, the organization monitors 40 sites around the lake, including 6 in Tuftonboro. Since 2002, it has monitored lake tributaries, including 19 Mile Brook, 20, Mile Brook, Copps Brook, and the Melvin River. LWWA is trying to get 8 communities around lake to monitor tributaries for non-point source pollution, looking for spikes in contamination. They would like to put together a management plan for whole watershed, with cooperation between groups, using same testing parameters, etc. The organization will be testing septic systems, looking for breaks in leach fields, maintenance, size of residence vs. septic system. Monitoring is conducted in Guilford, Laconia, and Meredith; the results for Alton, a separate group, go direct to UNH. In addition to getting grant money from DES, along with Plymouth State and Lakes Region Planning Commission, the LWWA has submitted a grant to get university students to do tributary testing during the summer.

Anson's goal is to have all the CCs around the lake meet. Chehames suggested contacting NH Consortium of Conservation Commissions. This group would like to identify properties around the lake that are undeveloped and shouldn't be developed, sensitive areas, and buy them up

The TCC filled Anson and Laase in on the WWTF upgrade; they will receive the RFP via email. Anson recommends interviewing companies separately, but on the same night. Chehames emphasized that the first conference will be a prebid.

No letter has been received as yet from Steve Walker re: the easement walk. Phelps suggested holding off on discussion until the letter arrives. Chehames suggested waiting until the snow is gone before walking the site. Evans pointed out that brush clearing has been done along the boundary of the Parkhurst easement. Phelps suggested writing a cordial letter to the owners to make them aware of the issue. Evans presented a spreadsheet from Steve Walker for keeping track of easements.

There was discussion on the article to be submitted to the Granite State News.

Water test kits were not brought to town meeting, but are available. There was discussion regarding sending an article to the GSN encouraging residents to test their wells, especially those living along 19 Mile Brook. Wood volunteered to write an article, which will be discussed at the April meeting.

Evans pointed out that there were 2 warrants for TCC that never were discussed or approved at a meeting, but were nevertheless presented at Town Meeting. This resulted in TCC members

attending the Town Meeting being unprepared to discuss the issues.

It was decided to put the maps of the WWWF upgrade injection site (as shown in the RFP), as well as a descriptive paragraph, on the TCC web page.

Current applications

Application closed

CJ Winny- #2007-01351 #41-3-16
Additional info not sent in time.

Notice of administrative completeness

David Ladd- #2008-00259 #2-71 upgrade gas pump lines and gas pump to docks

New Application

Melvin Village Marina- #2008-00258 #14-3-3
Upgrade gas pump lines and gas pump to docks
Also- notice of administrative incompleteness, administrative completeness, and request for more info.

Violation

John Goggin- #2006-00635 #70-2-89

Reconsideration denied

Hopgood- #2006-01505 #39-4

Standard Dredge and Fill Applications Approved

William Faulkner- #2007-02969 #26-1-55

Town of Tuftonboro- #2007-02856 #64-2-1
Lang Pond Rd.

Minimum Impact Application Approved

Town of Tuftonboro- #2008-00121 #30-1-3
Bird watching station- Jake Evans

Applications Denied

JWM Generations Trust- #2007-01880 #38-3-4
Banfield Rd.- Modify boathouse

Notice of Incomplete Permit by Notification

William Law- #2008-00220 #28-1-29

New Standard Dredge and Fill

Corky and Betsy Newcomb #50-1-1

Complete project was previously approved but not finished in a timely manner.
TCC didn't approve the application.

Correspondence

From Ann Hackl re: Standard Dredge and Fill- Middle Road- #2005-1515
Stone Culvert at 20 Mile Brook

Brochure from Birch Tree Conservation Consulting

Invoice from Steve Truchon

Brochure from UNH 4-H camps in Berlin

Bank balance- \$20,156.67

TCC received a formal reply from the Water Council, which Gary forwarded to Steve Truchon, Ken Cookson, and Dusty Davies. Their responses will be discussed at the next meeting.

Letters from Mirror Lake Protection Association

Lakes Region Conservation Trust Annual Monitoring Inspection Report has been completed, and is ready to be mailed in.

February minutes will be reviewed at the next meeting.

10:30 PM meeting adjourned.

Vicki Kinnaman
Conservation Commission, Secretary

