

Tuftonboro Conservation Commission Minutes September 15, 2008

8 pm meeting called to order.

Commissioners present: Michael Phelps, Chairman, Dawn Evans, Gary Chehames, Jerry Light. Also present for part of the meeting were John Simms and Lloyd Wood.

Simms and Wood came to the meeting to discuss possible **CIP submissions**. Phelps explained that the sole possible CIP related expenditure, purchase of the Brower property, was still on hold pending appraisal and subsequent negotiation with the owners. Chehames suggested that it be listed as a conservation easement. As for the 19 Mile Brook project, no further funds are to be requested. In the past, it has been considered part of the operating budget. However, Chehames noted that further studies of streams in Tuftonboro will be ongoing and recurring. He suggested that the Selectmen make a final decision as to whether these should be considered capital costs.

Simms and Wood, pointing out that the CIP is an advisory board only, noted that the CIP aims to make special projects more visible to the voters, so they can be voted on. They reviewed the budget deadlines: September 27, deadline for budgets from all departments; October 7, Selectmen begin to consider department budgets. The Budget Committee will also meet to review capital projects, holding a public hearing in late February to set the budget for the Town Meeting.

Simms requested current **data on the 19 Mile Brook project**. Phelps responded that Normandeau Associates has notified the TCC of a delay in their findings, due to concerns that exceptionally high water levels might skew their measurements. A report may be expected November 15.

The TCC continues to look for new, interested **members** to fill the empty positions.

Reminder- Watershed Conference to be held on November 15.

Evans is continuing her wetlands ordinance project, lining up speakers on the subject for a future forum. Barbara Garabedian having submitted her resignation, Evans will drop off Garabedian's information collected in regard to conservation easements.

It was suggested that the TCC meet with Jack Parsons regarding the **Shoreline Protection act** paperwork which the TCC now receives, since it is unclear whether or not the TCC has a role in these decisions and if paperwork should be retained.

In further discussion of the budget, it was proposed that Steve Truchon be asked to continue as project manager; and to guide the TCC in budgeting additional stream studies.

The current issue of "Forest Notes" magazine notes that two bills have been passed by the State Legislature, instituting the "L-Chip Surcharge" and dealing with joint conservation easements between towns.

Minutes for the August 18 meeting were approved, Light moved, Chehames second, all in favor.

Reminder- “Clerk Works” Land Use seminar, September 20.

DES Applications

Approved- Wetlands and Non-Site Specific

JWM Generations Trust Evergreen Way	#2008-00188	#62-1-11
Elliot	#2008-01394	#25-2-79
Kennedy Cow Island Must be approved by Governor’s Council	#2008-00472	#38-1-5
River Reach Must be approved by Governor’s Council	#2007-02364	#14-1-26
Tuftonboro High St.	#2007-02537	#14-2-15
Walker 6 Carillon Shores Rd.	#2008-00688	#28-1-35

Request for More Information

Ferman Standard Dredge and Fill, crib dock; Little Bear Island	#2008-01092	#25-1-36 & 37
Carine Standard Dredge and Fill, boathouse; Pleasant Island	#2008-01093	#12-1-3
Sanderson Little Bear Island; PBN	#2008-01638	#11-1-64

Waiver Request

Northline Development Standard Dredge and Fill; Request to not be required to delineate wetlands for the common area, which will remain undeveloped. DES to make that decision.	#2008-00617	#68-2-1 & 3
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Meeting adjourned.