

Tuftonboro Conservation Commission
February 16, 2009

7:30 pm Meeting called to order.

Commissioners present: Mike Phelps, Chairman, Gary Chehames, Jerry Light, Dave Durnam, Nancy Piper, Steve Wingate

Update on proposed conservation easement

Mary Hersey- Lang Pond Rd.

Hersey showed a preliminary sketch of her proposal to relocate Lang Pond Rd., and read a letter she had previously submitted to the Selectmen.

Purposes of the proposal:

1. Rescue 1000 shore feet of the cove. Hersey described the deterioration, due to damage and erosion.
Impacts 20,000 sq.ft. of watershed.
2. Commit the area for recreational purposes; it is already being used as such, with 100 feet of beach. Suggestions: town park, trails, wildlife refuge. Hersey wants commercial trucking to be banned from the road.

The relocated section of Lang Pond Road would be 4100' long, 50' wide; 350' wetland crossing, across two running streams; 9,100 sq. ft. impact.

The state should be approached for help with costs, funds possibly coming from wetland impact funds. Hersey would donate land to the Town, the old road would be abandoned and the shoreline restored.

In a second proposal, Hersey suggested that rights of way be exchanged, as well as the formation of a conservation easement. She stated the area of proposed new road is mostly high and dry, except for a wetland crossing. There would be 350 sq.ft. of impact.

Piper asked if we have maps from the state for soils and wetlands in that area.

Chehames favors supporting the proposal, and developing the concept. The big issue remains, who pays for the new road? Hersey has contacted the snowmobile association, etc. for support, and wants to contact other owners to ask if they will help build a trail. She believes there may be federal money to help with this.

Discussion followed on the road's cost, a possible conservation easement, and whether DES would mitigate shoreline and allow traversing of wetlands for the new road

Chehames suggested writing a letter to the Selectmen stating that the plan is consistent with TCC objectives and a reasonable objective to try to work toward.

Hersey had questions on the easement, whether the TCC would be stewards. Chehames pointed out that an easement along the right of way wouldn't serve any purpose to the TCC. Hersey hopes landowners would donate easement across their property for a trail.

Chehames moved to write a letter in support of the concept and objectives, and would like to see Hersey develop plan further and have opportunity to review it; Piper second, all in favor. Hersey would like to come back to TCC, bringing better plans and visuals.

Monitoring of Bentley/Parkhurst property

A perimeter walk will take place Saturday February 21 @ 9 am; parking at the end of Bayview Drive. Snowshoes are recommended.

19 Mile Brook Study

Next step for the TCC is monitoring 19 Mile Brook for water quality. Wolfeboro has stated it will be putting in a stream gauge at the culvert under the 109a bridge. The Wolfeboro facility is going on line February 19th, at 400,000 gal/day.

Chehames suggested the TCC needs to commission some follow-up study work; get a statement of proposed services from Steve; and request a quote from Normandeau, to pursue water quality and flowage assessments. Testing needs to be done by a reputable independent firm, not by TCC members, in case there is a problem. Chehames moved, Light second, all in favor.

DES

Goggin, John	#2006-00635	#70-2-89
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Restoration has been completed.

Approvals

Skinner	#2008-00439	#37-1-211
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Cow Island; dock
Approved by DES and Governor's Executive Council
DD

Sanders, Karen	#2008-02818	#38-3-1
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8 Foxwood Way, Off Banfield Rd.; Boathouse, dock.
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Patterson	#2008-02379	#38-1-37
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Minimum Impact; Cow Island.
Approved; has to go to Exec. Council

Correspondence

Water Quality Monitoring Report 2007
UNH- Center for Freshwater Biology/ NH Lakes Association

New Business

Wingate discussed a forestry publication- Good Forestry in the Granite State- which is being rewritten, after which TCC will get a copy. He also told the TCC about the threat of the **Asian longhorn beetle**, which is attracted to hardwoods, especially sugar maples and red maples. The beetles have already reached Worcester MA, and will potentially kill millions of trees. They make holes in the trunk, lay eggs in the bark, chew into the cambium, and come out an exit hole.

They resemble the pine borer, which is grey, but have prominent spots. Call county extension agent if seen.

The **Emerald Ash borer** from Michigan is also a threat. When infested by either of these, trees must be cut and burned.

January Minutes were approved, Light moved, Wingate second, all in favor.

9:25 pm- Leavitt-Carlson moved to adjourn, Durnam second.

Vicki Kinnaman
Conservation Commission, Secretary