

## TAC Minutes of April 11, 2017

9:30AM at Tuftonboro Town Office Building

**Present: Sue Wingate, Ron Sundquist, Joan Magrauth and Dina Farrell, Michael Hager, Karen Nemeth re: conference call**

Minutes were read and accepted.

### ***Old Business***

#### **1. TAC Mission Statement**

Motion to accept the prepared vision statement was made by Ron Sundquist and seconded by Joan Magrauth.

**To promote responsible farming, forestry and related agricultural activities consistent with the rural character of Tuftonboro; through information distribution, educational opportunity, and communication.**

The motion was accepted as read.

#### **2. TAC Areas of interest:** The following have been identified by the TAC as areas of interest to the commission.

- **Providing Resources of Interest:** Posting articles and links on the TAC webpage; developing a reference library; sponsoring educational workshops; resource library on-line; ending library at Town Hall; workshops etc.
- **Community Garden:** Maintaining and improving the Tuftonboro community garden; encourage natural gardening; clean maintenance of plots to represent our community; composting at site; bee friendly
- **Developing a Farmland Inventory:** Create an inventory of historic and current farmland in the town.
- **Farmland and Agricultural Land preservation:** To help maintain the historic and rural character of Tuftonboro, provide information on barn preservation and options for maintaining agricultural properties through current use and easements.
- **Promoting Responsible Forest Management:** Providing information and resources for people who wish to manage their forested land for wildlife, recreation, timber management, etc.
- **Promoting Bee-friendly Ecosystems:** Educating the community on the need to provide and maintain habitats friendly to bees and other native pollinators.
- **School Programs:** Providing educational resources and programs for the school; assisting with the butterfly garden.
- **Composting:** Encourage the practice of composting and develop a town composting site.
- **Organic and Natural Farming Practices:** Provide information on and encourage the use of organic and natural methods of farming.

#### **3. Master Plan:** Preparing input to the upcoming update of the Master Plan

The above areas of interest are to be used to craft input to the upcoming Master Plan revision.

The following members will draft input for the next meetin:.

- a. Ron - composting and resource
  - b. Karen - community garden and Intro TAC paragraph for Master Plan
  - c. Michael and Dina - bee friendly garden
  - d. Dina - organic
  - e. Joan – inventory
  - f. Sue – easements; forest management
4. **Forest Management Day:** This is June 10. Sue will get publicity out.

***New Business***

1. Elissa Paquette from the Granite State News will be at the Town Office Wednesday 10AM to the TAC about our plans and expectations.

Next meeting is May 9th at 10AM

Meeting Adjourned 112:05