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**Selectmen's Meeting  
8:45 am – Central Fire Station**

**Monday February 3, 2020**

The official video of this meeting can be found on the Town of Tuftonboro's YouTube channel at:  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCCUmJqZvFTS23RMEFSDQzmw>.

**MINUTES**

Present: Chairman Chip Albee, Selectman Lloyd Wood, Selectman Bill Marcussen, and Administrative Secretary Karen Koch.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Albee called the Selectmen's meeting to order at 8:45 am.

**NON-PUBLIC SESSION**

At approximately 8:45 am, Chairman Albee moved to enter non-public session per RSA 91-A:3 II (a) personnel, seconded by Selectman Wood. Roll call vote: Albee – Yes; Wood – Yes; Marcussen – Yes. At approximately 9:10 am, Chairman Albee moved to end the non-public session and move back into public session, seconded by Selectman Marcussen with all in favor. Selectman Wood moved to seal these non-public minutes, seconded by Selectman Marcussen with all in favor.

**PUBLIC INPUT**

None.

**MINUTES**

Selectman Marcussen moved to approve the 1/27/20 meeting minutes as corrected, seconded by Selectman Wood with all in favor. Selectman Marcussen moved to approve the 1/27/20 non-public meeting minutes as written, seconded by Selectman Wood with all in favor. Selectman Marcussen moved to approve the 1/31/20 meeting minutes as written, seconded by Selectman Wood with all in favor. Selectman Marcussen moved to approve the 1/31/20 non-public meeting minutes as written, seconded by Selectman Wood with all in favor.

**APPOINTMENTS**

Jeffrey McIver and Tripp Legendre of Consolidated Communications met with the Selectmen to discuss broadband coverage in Tuftonboro. They provided charts and maps giving an overview of that coverage. It was undetermined if these documents referred to just the Consolidated Communications service area or the entire Town. There was discussion regarding the percentage of people that have just slow speed broadband availability or none at all. Consolidated Communications is continually looking into ways to improve the technologies in these areas whether it is updating old networks or installing new fiber technology. There are no plans to bring fiber to this area at this time. However, Consolidated Communications is encouraging towns to put RFPs out to see what providers can offer. In turn, they would respond with their offer to cover the entire Town. If an agreement is reached with Consolidated Communications, the Town would borrow money through a bond to set up the network. Repayment of the bond would come from service fees brought on to individual users wanting the service. This brought up discussion regarding federal government regulation restricting access to like competition in the same service area, line ownership, negotiated rate setting, repayment of infrastructure costs and potential resistance for use of electric providers' poles.

Consolidated Communications is very involved in the Carroll County Broadband Initiative. The service fee per resident would be reduced with working as a larger group such as through the Carroll County Broadband Initiative. Mr. McIver and Mr. Legendre responded to Selectman Wood that there are no towns in Carroll County that Consolidated Communications have reached an agreement with that Tuftonboro could be a part of. They also responded that the

cost to the Town would be through a bond and the citizen's individual cost would be \$9-\$20 per month to pay back the bond. Consolidated Communications offers three free public building installations when an agreement is made for improving coverage. Mr. McIver and Mr. Legendre also responded that they don't expect technology to change from fiber. Mr. McIver will send a sample proposal and sample contract to help clarify terms of bringing broadband availability to the whole Town.

Normandeau Associates presented the 19 Mile Brook 2019 Baseline Environmental Assessment. The report centers around the Wolfboro RIB discharge built in 2009. This report compares Normandeau's 2008 Report (before the operation of the RIB) to 2019 data. The public interacted with questions during the presentation. Please see attached slides for a summary of conclusions and recommendations. The Selectman put an article on the warrant to set up a capital reserve account for further testing.

#### **SIGNATURE FILE**

Selectman Marcussen moved to approve an aquatic management proposal/contract with Solitude Lake Management to do herbicide treatment in 2020, seconded by Selectman Wood with all in favor.

#### **SELECTMEN'S UPDATE**

Selectman Wood thanked the person(s) responsible for cleaning up the snow pile at the Tuftonboro four corners. This led to further discussion regarding potential remedies for this intersection. Mr. Wood also thanked the Fire Department and the Police Department for coverage at the January Beer Fest.

Selectman Marcussen shared that the Agricultural Commission's meeting is 2/4/20 at 4:00 pm. Public is welcome. The next Planning Board meeting is 2/6/20. He suggested inviting TDS to meet with the Selectmen regarding their high speed internet services.

Chairman Albee reminded the public that the public budget hearing will be held 2/4/20 at 6:30 pm at the Town House.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

The Selectmen agreed that Chemserve can submit a proposal for just sampling and analysis along with the other landfill monitoring bids and have it considered with the other submissions. The Selectmen reviewed webinar information for dealing with polling place line management and the 2020 Presidential Primary Election Official Training. Chairman Albee will draft a letter with Karen Koch to Skip Hurt and Al Greymont in regards to the Selectmen withholding their vote on their petitioned warrant articles. Other correspondence reviewed included: NHMA 1/24/20 and 1/31/20 Legislative Bulletin; NH Lakes Shorelines January newsletter; NH DHHS Novel Coronavirus Health Alert; Letter from NH Electric regarding tree cutting; 1/29/20 NewsLink; January-December 2019 officer hours; 2/4/20 Carroll County Responds to SUD meeting information; 3/13/20 NHWWC meeting information; Building Permit for PID 56-1-12; various emails; various minutes and other various correspondence.

#### **PUBLIC INPUT**

Karen Koch will provide Joe Kowalski information regarding the upcoming Carroll County Broadband Initiative meeting. The Selectmen also responded to Mr. Kowalski and Brian MacPhee regarding broadband coverage and Consolidated Communications' presentation.

#### **NON-PUBLIC SESSION**

At approximately 11:45 am, Chairman Albee moved to enter non-public session per RSA 91-A:3 II (I) legal correspondence, seconded by Selectman Marcussen. At approximately 12:00 pm, Chairman Albee moved to end the non-public session and move back into public session, seconded by Selectman Wood with all in favor. Selectman Wood moved to seal these non-public minutes, seconded by Chairman Albee with all in favor.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

At approximately 12:00 pm, Chairman Albee moved to adjourn, seconded by Selectman Wood with all in favor. Respectfully submitted, Karen Koch, Administrative Secretary

## Conclusions

- Aquatic habitat, fish community, and macroinvertebrate community indicate excellent overall stream quality with either no changes or improvement in biotic indices from 2008 – 2019
- Whitten Pond has evidence of being eutrophic in 2019 (high TP, supersaturated daytime DO, excessive plant and algae growth) and may indicate degradation since 2008
- Conductivity/chloride and nitrate-nitrogen have increased since 2008 in the stations at and below the RIB discharge.
  - Water quality standards were not exceeded during this study
  - Maximum chloride levels in 19MB represent  $\leq 39\%$  available assimilative capacity (chronic standard)
- Total phosphorus levels have been elevated since 2007 and are routinely in excess of water quality guidelines.
  - TP levels in 2019 documented by NAI were excessively high
  - TP levels in 2019 documented by Wolfeboro were “typical”

## Recommendations

- Aquatic habitat, fish, and macroinvertebrate communities appear to be stable
  - Repeat studies every 5 -10 years or with changes to the watershed or evidence of impairment
- Whitten Pond has evidence of eutrophication and warrants further study to determine the level of impairment
  - Continuous monitoring of DO, pH, temperature, and conductivity
  - Nutrient, chlorophyll a, and phytoplankton sampling and analysis
- Total phosphorus is high throughout 19MB and may cause or contribute to impairment and warrants further study
  - Continued TP sampling including monthly or more frequent sampling, upstream samples above NMB-01, and further QC controls
  - Further review and analysis of nutrient data sets and site data
  - Consider a watershed study or management plan to determine and address TP loads in 19MB