

**TOWN OF TUFTONBORO
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
December 16, 2019**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Steve Wingate, Members Larry Gil, Laurel Podsen, Kate Nesbit, Mark Howard

MEMBERS ABSENT: Selectmen's Representative Lloyd Wood, Alternate Member Kathleen Murphy

MEMBER ARRIVING AT 7:05: Vice Chairman Mike Phelps

PUBLIC ATTENDANCE: Robert Carley

Steve Wingate opened minutes 6:40pm

I. Consideration of Minutes

- November 18, 2019
Laurel moved to accept the minutes with one correction, Kate seconded motion, all were in favor. Accepted changes will be in ***bold and italicized*** print.

II. Discussion Items

- **GM Grant Progress**
Check from ARM fund for \$76,500 should be on its way. As soon as it arrives, we will be able to finalize purchase.
- **GM Trail**
We are done with the trail for the winter. Verizon has announced that they are looking to expand their coverage in Tuftonboro. A couple of places have been selected as possible areas for a tower. According to a newspaper article, the Tuftonboro Highway Dept. and the Tuftonboro Fire Dept. are possibilities which would provide coverage for the trail area and help with educational interpretation.

III. Budget Review

Kate reviewed budget. Most of the items were in line with the 2019 budget. We are waiting to receive the invoice from UNH for lake water testing. Steve provided a reminder that the Selectmen charged \$5,000 to CC accounts to cover the cost of Normandeau reviewing Wolfeboro's RIB monitoring and promised to cover it later as that expense was not in our 2019 budget.

- **Rick Van de Poll**
Steve proposed that the TCC authorize a payment to Rick Van de Poll for services rendered on the Mirror Lake Conservation project not to **exceed** \$1000.
Mark Howard moved that the TCC authorize this payment and that it should come out of this year's budget. Kate Nesbit seconded; all were in favor.

- **2020 Budget**
The budget for 2020 was approved by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee.

IV. Status of Dredge & Fill Applications

See attached

- **Updated Wetland Rules**
Steve and Mark were unable to attend the training session. But overall consensus from other people was "please make this simpler". Meantime Steve will be sending out website addresses so members can do their own research.

V. Correspondence

- **NH Assoc Conservation Commission**
Looking for donations. Larry said that he was looking at what they offer. There is a lot of information available from this organization. He would like to see more training in this area.
- **Society for the Protection of NH Forests**
Society reported that they had completed monitoring the easement they hold on the town lot, tax map 51-2-29 along Windleblo Rd.

VI. Old Business

- **Nineteen Mile Brook Study**
Larry and Steve attended a meeting on 12/13 with the Selectmen and Normandeau Assoc. to review the Nineteen Mile Brook draft report. One issue that came up was in reference to the data that Wolfeboro collected in the interim. Normandeau reviewed and commented on the data but did not include it in the report. Steve thought that they should have displayed all the data in one table. Larry would like to see an analysis of the data Wolfeboro had put out. Steve said that each member has a print out of the report and encourages them to ask questions. Steve said the data will say that the brook is not polluted. Mike said that this may say it is not polluted to the level of NH standards. However, the report does show increases in nutrients. The final document should be coming out by December 31st. Any questions should be submitted prior to this report. A public hearing will be held sometime in January.
- **Copps Pond Project**
Project is done.
- **Wolfeboro CC Meeting, Hersey Lot**
Steve attended the Wolfeboro CC meeting. He told them about what we are trying to do on the Hersey lot on Mirror Lake. The issue being that 35 acres of this lot it is in Wolfeboro. There are two ways that this could be dealt with. One way is have a Town meeting to approve the Tuftonboro owning real estate outside of the town boundaries. Another way would be to have Wolfeboro CC hold the easement on it. If we can get NRCS involved, we don't have to worry about it and expenses would be less. If needed he is hoping the WCC might share some of the cost. They have a bigger budget than the TCC. After Rick Van de Poll comes up with an estimate of the cost, we will be able to discuss this with the WCC.
- **Santec & Landfill**
Larry submitted proposal to the Selectmen for a new contract. Selectmen have requested a meeting with Larry in January.
- **Cheney Farm**
Mike Phelps completed the easement monitoring on the farm. Everything seems to be in order.
- **Shane Easement**
Steve & Kate met with Howard Shane. There is an area on the east side of 109 that was not included in the original easement. They were interested in adding this to the existing easement. They are very interested in conservation and in wildlife projects. Steve will, at some point, be doing a walk with them around the property.
- **Chandler Easement**
We need to monitor this lot. We have only been monitoring part of the whole easement. Steve is going to try to do this at 9am tomorrow.
- **Mt. Pleasant Project**
We will hold the easement on this piece of land. LCHIP is putting in \$57,000. The cost is over \$240,000. Wolfeboro may chip in on this project. Steve sent an email to Don Berry asking about

trading Stewardship cost. We are scheduled to pay \$5,000 Stewardship cost for them to hold the Great Meadow Easement. And they are asking that we hold the Easement on Mt. Pleasant.

- **Farm Island Update**

Kate said that the Planning Board approved the potential development of Farm Island. Camp Belknap has 30 days to appeal and did submit an appeal before the deadline. The Planning Board did have a lawyer advise them on all issues. Chairman of the Planning Board walked the property with a NH Fish & Game representative and UNH Cooperative Extension. This has gone to the Superior Court for a final decision.

- **CC Membership**

We are down one member. Mark said he will speak with his neighbor. Steve would be interested in talking with him.

VII. New Business

- **GM Easement Monitoring**

Steve will be going out with Leah Hart from the Lakes Region conservation Trust, to walk the trail at GM. They will be meeting in the parking lot on Wednesday morning

- **Tuftonboro Central School**

Laurel has been meeting with the principal Mr. Gilpatrick and the staff. They are excited about getting the children more involved with outside projects. She and Mr. Gilpatrick did a brief walk on the trail behind the library with the thought that the children could help remark the trail. Another project would be putting together maps of the wild spaces in Tuftonboro. These would be spaces that are opened to the public where they could plan programs for the children. Members discussed areas that would be suitable for programs. She is looking for ideas for projects on Earth Day 2020 for the school. Students would have a 45-minute window for activities.

As there was no further business, Mark Howard moved to adjourn the meeting, Kate Nesbit seconded, all were in favor. With there being no further business, TCC meeting was adjourned at 7:55pm.

**Respectfully Submitted,
Administrative Secretary
Linda Bean**

NH DREDGE AND FILL APPLICATIONS
December 16, 2019

1. Wadsworth Street LLC
Dana & Stuart Davies
55 Banfield Road, MAP 38-3-4
Repair grandfathered boathouse. State has received application.
2. Ben & Lexi Hoffman
12 Forest Road, MAP 14-4-1
Provide a 4'x45' and 6'x50' permanent dock. State is requesting additional information.
3. Idlewild Assoc
203 Cow Island, MAP 37-1-214
Repair existing docking structures. State received application, incorrect fee.
4. James Gammon
Basin Drive, MAP 51-2-4
Construct a docking structure. State finds that property is dominated by wetland species shrubs, ground covers and marsh. State feels that it is highly unlikely it will issue a permit. Wetlands such as these comprise a very small percentage of the overall area of Lake Winnepesaukee yet provide essential fish and wildlife habitat.
5. David & Lisa Pearson
6 Whortleberry Island, MAP 26-1-6
Install seasonal 6'x40' dock. Sent to the State, agent waived TCC signature.
6. Seth Kassels, YMCA
35 Chase Point Road, MAP 40-3-39
Repair/rebuild the "Wolfe Dock" a 65'x6' permanent pier "in kind". Application Sent to the State, agent waived TCC signature.