

**TOWN OF TUFTONBORO
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Town Offices, 240 Middle Road, Tuftonboro, NH 03816
February 07, 2019
MINUTES**

Members Present: Chairman Steve Wingate, Members Larry Gil and Ray Everest, Selectman's Representative Lloyd Wood

Members Absent: Vice Chairman Mike Phelps, Members Kate Nesbit and Mark Howard

Staff Present: Linda Bean, Administrative Secretary

Meeting called to order by Chairman Wingate. Meeting was opened at 6:42 PM.

I. Discussion Items

A. Land Use Change Tax Warrant

Steve Wingate met with the selectmen on 02/04/19 to discuss the Land Use Tax Change Warrant. The Selectmen suggested a compromise in the amount of the yearly cap. It was decided to change the wording of the Warrant. Attorney Sager revised the Warrant to read as follows: To see if the town will vote to increase per fiscal year cap (established at \$5000 in 2002) to \$10,000, for funds generated from the Land Use Change Tax collected pursuant to RSA 79-A:25. Article 12 of the 2002 annual town meeting allows the Conservation Commission to deposit 50% of the Land Use Change Tax received during the fiscal year into the existing Conservation Fund. The change in the fiscal year cap shall take effect April 1, 2019, and shall remain in effect until altered or rescinded by a future vote of the town meeting. Recommended by the Selectmen. (Majority vote required.)

Lloyd Wood stated the average amount of revenue generated each year for the Currant Use Tax is about \$24,000. This amount varies from year to year but half of this tax goes into the General Fund and half goes into the Conservation Fund.

Steve Wingate suggested that Kate Nesbit write an article for the Town Meeting explaining what this Warrant means and how the Conservation Commission uses these funds to benefit the town.

It was moved by Steve Wingate to approve the revised Warrant, Ray Everest seconded the motion, vote was unanimous.

B. Larry Gil wanted to discuss a draft memo for the record voicing his opinion on the Preliminary Hydrogeological Study on the Tuftonboro Landfill. The memo is attached to the meeting minutes.

C. Adjourn

It was moved by Ray Everest and seconded by Larry Gil to adjourn the February 07, 2019 meeting of the Tuftonboro Conservation Commission meeting. All members voted in favor. Motion carried.

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 6:52 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Bean

Draft Memo For the Record:

From Lawrence Gil Tuftonboro Conservation Commission

Subject: Re: Tuftonboro Landfill – Preliminary Hydrogeological Study

Second Opinion Review Tuftonboro, NH NHDES Site # 198405083

Date:

The writer has reviewed the report submitted by Sanborn Head and Associates (SHA), as referenced above. They had been contracted to provide an independent (2nd) review of a proposed scope of work, prepared by Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. (Stantec), for additional hydrogeologic assessment of the Tuftonboro Landfill (Site) located in Tuftonboro, New Hampshire.

The report is thorough and addresses the concerns raised by the Conservation Commission and the Board of Selectman at meetings back in July and August 2018.

Additionally, this report includes recommendations regarding the potential need for additional analysis and data collection efforts for groundwater monitoring associated with the Site's Groundwater Management Permit (Permit) No. GWP-198405083-T-005, dated May 5, 2014, and Site management approaches.

The report concludes that contamination from the unlined landfill appears to be limited to the area down gradient of monitoring well MW6 and this based on lower contamination levels shown from the other monitoring well locations. Further the migration of contamination appears to be confined to the shallow groundwater.

The hydrogeology of the surrounding area indicates stratified sands and gravels allowing for high rates of flow (transmissivity). The need to confirm this possibility should seriously considered.

Sanborn Head concludes "The hydrogeologic investigation as proposed by Stantec is generally appropriate for assessing the potential migration of contamination from the Site, however the scope appears to be relatively simple/generic, and not well defined, and there are potential limitations to the approach as currently outlined. Several improvements can be made without significantly adding to the overall scope/cost of initial investigation."

The cover material used to cap the landfill is apparently made up of a material described as 50% short paper fiber and a potential source of PFAS (perfluoroalkyl substances).

It is the writer's opinion that this report should be shared with Stantec Consulting and NHDES and where applicable make the upgrades to improve our monitoring.

Thank you.