

**TOWN OF TUFTONBORO
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
June 17, 2019**

Members Present: Chairman Steve Wingate, Vice Chairman Mike Phelps, Members; Larry Gil, Kate Nesbit, Laurel Podsen, Mark Howard and Selectmen's Representative Lloyd Wood

Members Absent: Members; Kathleen Murphy

Staff Present: Linda Bean, Administrative Secretary

Steve Wingate opened meeting at 6:00 PM

I. Speaker Michael Carleton & Chris Hayward

a. New septic design

Chris Hayward from Orenco Systems, (home base of company is in Sutherlin, Oregon), gave a brief slide show of new concepts in septic design and the reasons for this technology. Orenco Systems Inc. has researched, designed, and manufactured innovative onsite and decentralized wastewater collection and treatment technologies. More information can be found on their website, www.waterindustriesllc.com

Wetland Permit

b. Walker Magrauth

He was representing Al Sciarappa, who is looking to replace his dock. He was hoping to cut his review time down by meeting with the TCC. Steve Wingate explained the application needs to be submitted to the Town Clerk before any action is normally taken. Mike Phelps offered to go out and inspect the area while the application is being processed by the NHDES.

II. Consideration of 05/20/19 Minutes

Larry Gil pointed out that under, **Watershed Plan Progress**, the company that was noted should be FB Environmental

Mark Howard moved to accept the 05/20/19 minutes with amendments, Kate Nesbit seconded, all were in favor (all amendments will be in bold and italicized print).

III. Discussion Items

a. GREAT MEADOW PROJECT

• Boundary Marking

Steve Wingate spoke of the expense of hiring someone to find the boundaries of the GM adjoining properties. Steve, Rick Van de Poll and LRCT have decided to take on this endeavor.

• Forest Plan Proposal

Steve feels that down the road we will have to decide what the TC wants as part of this plan. But until the GM project is complete, we cannot divide our attention at this time.

• Acquisition Process

There are a few things in the Stewardship Plan that are being debated and need to be worked out. On the Sargent property there are a couple of soil issues associated with an old logging operation and a logging bridge that the commission will have to deal with. Mike Phelps wanted to know if the bridge could be part of a trail system. Steve felt it might be unsafe because of age. Also, there is a snowmobile trail that runs through the Sargent property which is under a 1-year agreement with the local Snowmobile Club. At some point we will need to consider what we should do about this trail, and will need to consult with the Selectmen.

• Trail Progress

Steve Wingate has finalized the trail for the GM project. Town has an agreement with Jeff Moody to build the parking lot. Lloyd Wood said that Jeff will be sending the bill to the Tuftonboro Assoc. as they have generously donated funds for the parking area. Steve said it would be his preference to wait on starting the trail bridges and walkways until we have the bill and see how our budget stands at that time. Trail bridges and walkways will be costly because of the wetlands.

• Acquisition Celebration

Mark Howard said he has talked to the team members and they have a plan of action. Laurel Podsen will be baking some food and Mark will be providing water. And he is hoping that by August, the water levels in the Meadow will be down in time for the celebration.

b. **Nesbit Easement**

Steve Wingate said that Kate currently has an Easement on 32 acres. Kate Nesbit presented a map showing her property which was split into two sections when obtaining the existing easement. She would like to add the other piece of land to her easement making the easement 47 acres total. Lloyd Wood said that the Selectmen would not have an objection to this easement. Steve asked if there were any questions, there were not.

Larry Gil moved that we allow and approve this easement process, Mark Howard seconded, all were in favor, motion passed.

IV. **BUDGET UPDATE**

Kate Nesbit reviewed the current budget. There were no surprises, everything is in order.

V. **STATUS OF NH DREDGE & FILL APPLICATION**

1. **James & Kimberly Santo**

Basin Dr, Map 51-2-15

Construct 6' path thru 100sf of poorly drained wetland, it was referred to the Wetlands Bureau, State is requiring more information.

VI. **CORRESPONDENCE**

a. **Solid Earth Technologies**

Steve Wingate read a letter we received regarding a technology for use of helical pile installer. Helical Piles are a safe, stable building support for loose soil or wet areas. May be too costly for our projects.

VII. **OLD BUSINESS**

- **Nineteen Brook Study**

Larry Gil spoke with Joel Getty trying to arrange going out for more samples soon. Did find out about the Eastern Pearl Shell Mussels, it is confirmed that they are indeed living in the brook.

- **Watershed Plan Progress**

Steve Wingate said that the TCC is **sponsoring** a Watershed Plan. Our new contractor is FB Environment. A group of volunteers will be taking FB Environmental constructors around Lake Winnepesaukee shorelines looking to identify any hot spots, erosion etc.

- **Mirror Lake Conservation Plan**

Steve Wingate said that MLCP is looking for help with land conservation within the watershed. Larry Gil has been working with the organization. Larry said he spoke with Ann Torregrossa who is Chair of the MLCP and there will be a meeting on Wednesday from 3pm to 4pm at her place. They will be talking to Rick Van de Pol and are reasonably sure he will come out and do some evaluations.

- **Pleasant Mountain Hike**

Steve Wingate hiked Pleasant Mountain which had some very nice views. Snowmobilers currently have use of the mountain. LRCT offered to help the Land Bank purchase this property and they would like TCC to hold the easement. Unfortunately, we don't have any available funds at this time for this project. It is probably in the \$240,000 range. Steve said that the Land Bank is looking for new members, so if anyone is interested, let Steve know.

VIII. **NEW BUSINESS**

- **Hersey Property**

Lloyd Wood said that the Hersey property is now for sale.

- **Education**

Laurel Podsen said she has met with the 4th grade teacher at the Central School and she is very enthusiastic about developing programs for the children. They would like to meet once a month.

- **Water Sampling**

Larry Gil asked who pays for the testing of water samples. Steve Wingate said that the TCC pays for the labs cost.

- **Change Membership**

Mark Howard asked if Ray Everest had been sworn in yet as an alternate member. Steve said when he spoke with Ray, he indicated that he was still interested. Ray has not yet been in to sign the form.

Mike Phelps moved to adjourn the 06/17/19 meeting of the Tuftonboro Conservation Meeting, Kate Nesbit seconded; all were in favor.

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Administrative Secretary
Linda Bean