

**TOWN OF TUFTONBORO
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
January 15, 2018
MINUTES**

Members Present: Steve Wingate, Chairman, Mike Phelps, Vice-Chairman, Lloyd Wood, Selectman's Representative, Larry Gil, Nancy Byrd, Nancy Piper, Kate Nesbit, Mark Howard, Members, Ian Whitmore, Ray Everest, Alternates.

Member Absent: N/A

Staff Present: Lee Ann Hendrickson, Administrative Secretary.

Chairman Wingate opened the meeting at 6:32 PM.

I. Consideration of Minutes

December 18, 2017

Correction: Page 3, Libby Park, 4th paragraph; add "MLPA members" following "abutters"

It was moved by Nancy Piper and seconded by Kate Nesbit to approve December 18, 2017 Tuftonboro Conservation Commission minutes as amended. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

II. Discussion Items

A. 2018 Budget

Steve Wingate stated the deadline to encumber funds was missed therefore, \$2,500 for Rick Van de Poll's contracted services was not encumbered from the 2017 budget. He stated the Commission could request additional funding in the 2018 budget however, since the Commission underspent their budget, primarily administrative assistant funds, he feels there is no need to request additional funding; noting the Commission could work within the existing budget to cover Rick Van de Poll's services.

It was moved by Nancy Piper and seconded by Kate Nesbit to not request additional funding for the 2018 budget. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

B. NH Nature Conservancy

Steve Wingate stated a hike at the Great Meadow with Kate James, NH Nature Conservancy, has been scheduled for 1/26/18, time to be determined.

Kate Nesbit stated the NH Nature Conservancy has expressed an interest in having more of a presence in the area on a larger scale.

Lloyd Wood asked if there is a project the organization is interested in.

Kate Nesbit replied the acquisition of properties abutting the Great Meadow to create a corridor north to south.

C. Radon Testing Workshop

Nancy Byrd stated the Commission could offer a workshop on radon testing.

D. 2018 Well Water Testing Initiative

Nancy Piper stated her term on the Commission is expiring in June and she will not be requesting reappointment therefore, if the Commission is interesting in hosting such this year that another member of the Commission needs to take it on. She stated the Commission could schedule an evening meeting in which Lou Barinello, NHDES, would be present and kits could be handed out rather than having the kits available during a one week period.

Lloyd Wood asked whether the Commission has decided to host the program this year.

Nancy Piper stated such has not yet been determined.

Lloyd Wood requested such be placed on the next agenda.

E. Annual Report

Steve Wingate stated such is due on 1/26/18 and would email the draft report for the Commission's review.

F. Website Demo

The Commission tabled such.

Mark Howard stated such is under construction and would present the website in February.

G. Mirror Lake Protective Association Report

Larry Gil stated he inspected the culverts on Lang Pond Road following the thaw; noting there was quite a bit of flow (510 elevation) and the beaver dam was crested.

H. Mirror Lake Watershed Committee

Lloyd Wood asked whether the Committee is defunct.

Staff stated she is not aware of such.

III. NH DES Applications

Sarah Trust

1 Little Bear Island

TM #11-1-1

New Minimum Impact Expedited application to remove and replace an existing stone filled, wood timber crib supported boathouse in the same location. Reviewed by Nancy Piper; no objection.

Doug & Karen Beane/#2017-02140

178 Cow Island

TM #37-1-24

NHDES approved Standard Dredge & Fill application to construct a dug-in boathouse measuring 24'x36'.

IV. Correspondence

N/A

V. Old Business

Town Dump

No report.

Invasive Species

Lloyd Wood questioned whether such should be tabled since the Commission has a lot on their plate.

Steve Wingate stated the BOS feel that it is the Commission's responsibility to address such.

Watershed Management Plan

Steve Wingate stated the LWA has advertised a Request For Proposal for such; noting the Town of Wolfeboro's RIB and Mirror Lake are included in the proposal.

VI. New Business

Nancy Byrd Resignation

Nancy Byrd stated she has sold her house in Tuftonboro and is moving to Wolfeboro therefore, she must resign from the Commission.

Land Use Change Tax

Kate Nesbit recommended the Commission work on a warrant article (for 2019) to increase current use funding to the Commission.

Great Meadow

Mark Howard stated Jim Lovett expressed interest in a conservation easement for his property; noting the property abuts the Great Meadow and is located on Sodom Road. He stated Mr. Lovett also expressed interest in hiking trails.

Tuftonboro Association/Hiking Trail Kiosks

Mark Howard stated the Tuftonboro Association has funding for information kiosks at trails and questioned which trails the Commission thought a kiosk would be beneficial.

The Commission recommended kiosks at the following trails; Chandler, Hackl, Mount Shaw, Hunter Falls. The Commission recommended the Tuftonboro Association request suggestions from Lakes Region Conservation Trust and Gina Lessard.

Jim Duncan

Steve Wingate questioned whether the Commission would like Jim Duncan, dragonfly specialist, to speak at their next meeting.

The Commission agreed to such and agreed to meet at 6PM on 2/19/18.

Town Beach Project

Steve Wingate stated originally he was assisting Gina Lessard with the NHDES application for improvements to the Town beach as an individual and not representative of the Conservation Commission. However, he stated now the Commission is providing assistance with the application process.

VII. Non-Public Session

It was moved by Larry Gil and seconded by Nancy Byrd to enter non-public session at 8:04 PM to consider the acquisition of real property (RSA 91-A:3,II(d)). Roll call vote; Steve Wingate-yes, Lloyd Wood-yes, Mike Phelps -yes, Larry Gil-yes, Ray Everest-yes, Nancy Piper-yes, Nancy Byrd-yes, Kate Nesbit-yes, Mark Howard-yes, Ian Whitmore-yes. The motion passed.

The Board re-entered public session at 8:33 PM.

It was moved by Lloyd Wood and seconded by Nancy Piper to seal the January 15, 2018 Tuftonboro Conservation Commission non-public meeting minutes. Roll call vote; Steve Wingate-yes, Lloyd Wood-yes, Mike Phelps -yes, Larry Gil-yes, Ray Everest-yes, Nancy Piper-yes, Nancy Byrd-yes, Kate Nesbit-yes, Mark Howard-yes, Ian Whitmore-yes. The motion passed.

Chairman Wingate stated the nonpublic session minutes of January 15, 2018 were sealed by a 2/3 vote as required by law.

It was moved by Kate Nesbit and seconded by Nancy Piper to adjourn the January 15, 2018 Tuftonboro Conservation Commission meeting. All members voted in favor.

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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