

**TOWN OF TUFTONBORO
CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

240 Middle Road
Center Tuftonboro, NH 03816

**MEETING MINUTES
January 18, 2021**

Due to COVID-19, the 01/18/2021 meeting was held virtually via GoToMeeting. The following people were present and identified by roll call:

Members present: Chairman Steve Wingate, Vice Chairman Stephen Scapicchio, Members Larry Gil, Laurel Podsen, Heather Brown, Kate Nesbit, Mark Howard*

Chairman Steve Wingate called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

I. Consideration of Minutes

a. November 16, 2020 and November 23, 2020

Ms. Podsen made a motion to accept the Minutes of 11/16/2020 and 11/23/2020 as presented, Vice Chairman Scapicchio seconded. A roll call vote followed: S. Wingate – Yes, S. Scapicchio – Yes, K. Nesbit – Yes, L. Podsen – Yes, L. Gil – No. Motion passed unanimous 4 – 1.

II. Discussion Items

a. Great Meadow, north end road access

Vice Chairman Scapicchio reported that the **Wolfeboro** Snowmobiler's Club were unable to install the gate this winter and have now planned for installation to take place this spring. This spring we will go the area to see where the gate should be installed.

b. Great Meadow trail progress

Vice Chairman Scapicchio reported that Great Meadow South had a new gate installed at the beginning of the logging road and also a permanent bridge at the end of the logging road which has received a lot of positive feedback and is very encouraging. Installed are two temporary boardwalks and one temporary bridge to make the path more accessible to the public. In addition, signage was added to point in the path's direction so no one ends up unintentionally wandering the woods. Chairman Wingate received a call from a couple who noticed the parking area and trail head. They would like to donate to the cause. It appears the public has found and is using the path as many footprints were noticed in the snow.

c. Budget Review

No new reporting.

d. 2021 Budget Review and Approval

No new reporting.

III. Status of Dredge & Fill Applications

No new applications reported, however, two were noted: Cow Island and Winter Harbor, and will be added as necessary.

IV. Correspondence

Chairman Wingate received a call from a person who regularly walks at Chandler Trail. This person reported that there was a “No Parking” sign posted in the parking area and a “No Trespassing” sign posted at the trail start. Vice Chairman Scapicchio offered to go there to see if the signage is up and if they are posted in the area Tuftonboro owns. Chairman Wingate stated he will make a visit/introduction to the people who now own the house abutting this property to talk with them about the property lines.

V. Old Business

a. Forest Plans

Chairman Wingate stated TCC had not heard from Matt Young, so he contacted him to ask if he received a letter regarding the donation. Mr. Young stated he had not, so it was resent to him. Mr. Young then left a check with the assistant clerk for \$8,600.00 which was deposited into a special account within TCC’s Conservation Fund just for Forest Plans.

b. Nineteen Mile Brook Monitoring Plan

Chairman Wingate stated the he and Vice Chairman Scapicchio will be meeting with Dave Ford on Wednesday, 1/20/21 at 3:00 p.m. to talk about implementation of the Nineteen Mile Brook Monitoring Plan. Chairman Wingate also noted that he sent Rick Sager an email to let him know that he will be meeting with the Selectmen on Monday, 1/25/21 and suggested he finish his legal opinion as most likely the Selectmen will ask about this.

c. Lawall Easement

Ms. Nesbit stated that the original proposed conservation area line needed to be redrawn so that Chairman Wingate will feel comfortable presenting this to the Selectmen. The previous line was rather thin connecting a buildable lot by the water to the back of the property. The update has been done and is at the survey company to include language that allows for crossing the conservation area to repair anything around the carport.

VI. New Business

Mr. Gil commented that he has observed new development in the Ledge Hill Road area. These lots have significant slope to them and as they get developed there may be a lot more water running down the brooks. Also, being developed are the areas of Winners Circle Road and Schoolhouse Road. In addition, there have been four to five properties that have changed hands in the Mirror Lake area.

Vice Chairman Scapicchio stated that TCC's Facebook page has been getting a lot more traffic with views up 100% and followers up 33%. New content is always being added. A big "Thank You" to Heather who has done a great job with this.

**Attendance Note: Mark Howard joined meeting at this time.*

VII. Non-Public Session

Ms. Nesbit made a motion to move to a non-public session, seconded by Vice Chairman Scapicchio. A roll call vote followed, all were in favor, unanimous 6 – 0. Non-Public Session was entered into at 7:02 p.m.

Ms. Nesbit made a motion to move back to a public session, seconded by Mr. Gil. A roll call vote followed, all were in favor, unanimous 6 – 0.

There being no further business, Mr. Gil made a motion to adjourn the 1/18/2021 TCC meeting, seconded by Ms. Nesbit. A roll call vote followed; all were in favor, unanimous 6 – 0. Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted by Jane Lemire, Tuftonboro Conservation Commission Secretary
January 19, 2021*