

TOWN OF TUFTONBORO
CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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MEETING MINUTES
July 18, 2022

Present: Chairman Stephen Scapicchio, Vice Chairman Steven Wingate, Heather Brown, Michael Phelps, Laurel Podsen. Staff: Jane Lemire.

Absent: Lawrence Gil, Mark Howard, Kate Nesbit, Guy Pike, Lynne Walsh.

Call to Order: Chairman Scapicchio called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.

I. Consideration of Minutes

A. June 20, 2022

A motion to accept the Minutes of June 20, 2022 as presented was made by Vice Chairman Wingate and seconded by Ms. Podsen. All in favor; motion passed unanimous.

II. Discussion Items

A. Budget Update

Chairman Scapicchio reported that the budget continues to be in very good shape. The motorized wheelbarrow to be used at Great Meadow was purchased for \$600.00. The group discussed ideas for spending on education.

III. Status of Dredge & Fill Applications

The status of permit applications was reported by Jane Lemire.

IV. Correspondence

- Abenaki Tower & Trail Association sent a \$50.00 donation for TCC.

V. Old Business

A. Nineteen Mile Brook Monitoring

Chairman Scapicchio reported that Mr. Gil joined FB Environmental for the latest sampling/testing. All went fine and Mr. Gil will give his update at our next meeting.

B. Great Meadow Trail Progress

Chairman Scapicchio reported that the kiosk is up and that a cedar roof will be the final part in finishing it. The group discussed having a ribbon cutting to acknowledge the completion once the viewing deck is finished. Ms. Brown

suggested having drone photos taken of the trail and platform when we publicize and promote the completed project.

C. Forest Plans

Chairman Scapicchio reported the official copies of the Forest Plans were received, including a final invoice of \$1,095.34 from the forester. The Management Plans Addendum, however, is still to be submitted.

A motion to pay the forester's invoice for \$1,095.34 in two parts was made by Vice Chairman Wingate and seconded by Ms. Podsen. One thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) to be paid from the Conservation Fund; and Ninety-five dollars and .34/100 (\$95.34) to be paid from the Budget upon receipt of the Management Plans Addendum. All in favor, motion passed unanimous.

D. Water Testing

Ms. Podsen reported that the water testing kits will be collected on Sunday, July 24th at the town office from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. TCC had a total of 35 kits for distribution. Notices were placed in The Granite State News and Tuftonboro Times. To date, there are five kits remaining. This year, email addresses and phone numbers were collected from those who received a kit. Ms. Podsen will be sending reminders out on Wednesday, 7/20 to return the kits on Sunday. With this new reminder system, a high rate of return is expected.

VI. **New Business**

A. Election of Officers

Chairman Scapicchio made a motion to re-elect Mr. Stephen Wingate as Vice Chairman of the Tuftonboro Conservation Commission; Ms. Podsen seconded. All in favor; motion passed unanimous.

Vice Chairman Wingate made a motion to re-elect Mr. Steven Scapicchio as Chairman of the Tuftonboro Conservation Commission; Ms. Podsen seconded. All in favor; motion passed unanimous.

B. Horner Lot Possible Easement

Discussed in non-public session.

C. Copps Pond Dam Work

Chairman Scapicchio reported that repair to the dam and the road going over the dam is planned. Presently, concrete is breaking up on the bridge and there is seepage at the dam. Chairman Scapicchio confirmed this is a town road.

D. Trail Signs for Trail behind Fire Station

Ms. Podsen reported that she had received a complaint from a resident that ATVs were being used on the trails behind the fire station. She made Parks & Rec aware of this complaint. Dennis Zilembo met with the Board of Selectmen regarding this. It was decided to post signage that would read "Foot Traffic Only" on various parts of the trails. A public hearing is being scheduled to approve this signage.

E. Other

- Vice Chairman Wingate reported that an updated offer will be made on the property near the old Mill. The original offer of \$1.4 million had been made prior to an appraisal. An appraisal valued the property in the \$900k range. An offer at this price should begin a negotiation process.
- Chairman Scapicchio stated that Mr. Gil would like TCC to have a joint meeting with Wolfeboro's Conservation Commission to discuss Nineteen Mile Bay.
- Ms. Podsen asked the group who oversees water testing at the beaches, specifically 19 Mile Bay and the Wharf. She stated that she heard some children had become ill after swimming at these lakes. NHDES has a program to test for water-borne pathogens in order to evaluate the potential for health risks. The program makes these results available daily so the public can make informed decisions about where to swim.
- Regarding Mirror Lake Protective Association:

Chairman Scapicchio made a motion to donate One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) to the Mirror Lake Protective Association for membership; Ms. Podsen seconded. All in favor; motion passed unanimous.

VII. **Non-Public Session**

Motion to enter non-public session made by Vice Chairman Wingate; seconded by Mr. Phelps. Per RSA 91-A:3, II(d)

Roll call vote to enter nonpublic session:

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| • Chairman Scapicchio | - | Aye |
| • Vice Chairman Wingate | - | Aye |
| • Heather Brown | - | Aye |
| • Michael Phelps | - | Aye |
| • Laurel Podsen | - | Aye |

Motion passed unanimous.

Entered non-public session at 7:22 p.m.

Motion to leave non-public session and return to public session made by Vice Chairman Wingate; seconded by Mr. Phelps. All in favor, motion passed unanimous.

Public session reconvened at 7:35 p.m.

Motion to seal minutes made by Vice Chairman Wingate; seconded by Mr. Phelps. All in favor, motion passed unanimous.

Roll call vote to seal minutes:

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| • Chairman Scapicchio | - | Aye |
| • Vice Chairman Wingate | - | Aye |
| • Heather Brown | - | Aye |
| • Michael Phelps | - | Aye |
| • Laurel Podsen | - | Aye |

Adjourn: There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Mr. Phelps; seconded by Chairman Scapicchio. Motion passed unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted by Jane Lemire, Tuftonboro Conservation Commission Secretary
July 20, 2022*