

**TOWN OF TUFTONBORO**  
**CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
240 Middle Road  
Center Tuftonboro, NH 03816

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**April 19, 2021**

Due to COVID-19, the 4/19/21 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: Heather Brown, Larry Gil, Mark Howard, Kate Nesbit, Selectmen's Rep Guy Pike, Laurel Podsen, Lynne Walsh

Members not present: Alternate Mike Phelps

Staff present: Jane Lemire

**Call to Order:** Chairman Wingate called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

Chairman Wingate welcomed new member, Selectmen's Rep Guy Pike.

**I. Consideration of Minutes**

a. March 15, 2021

Vice Chairman Steve Scapicchio made a motion to accept the Minutes of 3/15/21 as presented; seconded by Mr. Gil. A roll call vote followed. Motion passed unanimous.

**II. Discussion Items**

a. Gate location for Great Meadow North

Vice Chairman Scapicchio stated that the Wolfeboro Snowmobiler's Club will install the gate and we will reimbursement for the cost of the gate. The current dirt road will be the gate location and placed where the fence line is now. It will be a 3-pole gate with a 3' opening between poles for pedestrian traffic. All members are in support of this location.

b. Budget Review & Conservation Fund Update

Chairman Wingate reported \$6,000 was added to the Conservation Fund, bringing the total to a bit over \$26,000. The Conservation Fund account is supported by donations but primarily when people take land out of current use, the Conservation Fund receives 50% of the land use change tax. Ms. Nesbit reviewed the current year's budget.

c. Earth Day Activities

Ms. Podsen reported that the recognition of Earth Day, the third annual, will be virtual due to COVID with a video interactive lesson followed by an outdoor activity for the Tuftonboro Central School students. This year's activity topic is pollinators and pollination. No money was needed for this activity as the school had been collecting items which will be used. Ms. Podsen requested that TCC vote on spending \$126 of the Educational Program fund for Fish & Wildlife Posters on pollination for each of the school's classrooms. Chairman Wingate made a motion to approve this request; seconded by Mr. Gil. A roll call vote followed, and all were in favor. Motion was unanimously approved.

d. Warrant Article Support – DHP & MMRG Merger

Chairman Wingate asked members to speak with people they know and introduce them to the warrant article for acquiring the property and ask for their support. If any TCC member is willing to speak at the meeting in support of this purchase and the reasons why, please let Chairman Wingate know. It will be a good and positive thing to have members publicly show their support. Chairman Wingate reported that Dan Hole Pond and Moose Mountain will be joining forces with a merger. This is encouraging news as it will bring the inclusion of the Town of Tuftonboro which is needed to receive funding.

e. Great Meadow Trail Construction Plans

Vice Chairman Scapicchio stated that a letter is going out to volunteers to encourage their help and support to start working on trail maintenance. Boardwalks and bridges construction will not continue until June as the land is very wet.

f. Easement Monitoring

Chairman Wingate walked the Bentley Easement at 109 and 20-Mile Bay with the owner. One area on Bay View Road, a neighbor is across the line storing equipment. The owner will take care of speaking with him.

g. Well Water Testing – 2021

Ms. Podsen reported that the 50 testing kits will be available at Town offices on July 19<sup>th</sup> and due back by July 25<sup>th</sup>.

**III. Status of Dredge & Fill Application**

There was discussion regarding timeliness in TCC members being notified of current applications; as one application missed the due date. The TCC secretary will now email members when a new application is at the office.

**IV. Correspondence**

No new correspondence.

**V. Old Business**

a. Trail Cameras

Vice Chairman Scapicchio purchased three trail cameras. Ms. Podsen has one for the educational port and two are along the Great Meadow trails. Some recent photos of deer were caught and sent to Ms. Brown to post on our FB page.

b. Nineteen Mile Brook Monitoring

Vice Chairman Scapicchio and Mr. Gil met with Laura Diemer and visited three recording sites for installation: 109A, Site 21 and 19-Mile Brook Station 1. Everything went well, and we were impressed with her approach in setting up and the time she spent. Vice Chairman Scapicchio reported he attended the flow measurement today (the first of three) and the first sample was also taken (samples are done monthly). He stated he learned a lot from Christine Bunyon and that she is very conscientious and very willing to accommodate what is needed to get the job done.

c. Lawall Easement

Ms. Nesbit reported there may be a change so at the moment there is a delay.

d. Saving Special Places

Chairman Wingate reported he attended and stated that it was a good refresher. All topics were recorded.

**VI. New Business**

a. LRPC Meeting 4/26/21 – LCHIP Presentation

Chairman Wingate reported that the Lakes Region Planning Committee is holding an LCHIP Presentation on April 26<sup>th</sup> and encouraged TCC members to attend. It is free and open to the public. Chairman Wingate will email the info.

b. Other New Business

Mr. Gil stated that NH Clean Water is having a program.

**VII. Non-Public Session (if needed)**

Not applicable.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business, Vice Chairman Scapicchio made a motion to adjourn the April 19, 2021 TCC meeting; seconded by Ms. Nesbit. A roll call vote followed, all were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted by Jane Lemire, Tuftonboro Conservation Commission Secretary  
April 21, 2021*

*Tuftonboro Conservation Commission  
Meeting Minutes of Monday, April 19, 2021*