

**TOWN OF TUFTONBORO**  
**CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

240 Middle Road, Center Tuftonboro, NH 03816  
Telephone: (603) 569-4539 ext.24; Fax: (603) 569-4328  
[conservation@tuftonboro.gov](mailto:conservation@tuftonboro.gov)

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**October 17, 2022**

Present: Chairman Stephen Scapicchio, Vice Chairman Steven Wingate, Mark Howard, Michael Phelps, Selectman Guy Pike, Lynne Walsh. *Staff:* Jane Lemire.

Absent: Heather Brown, Larry Gil, Kate Nesbit, Laurel Podsen.

**Call to Order:** Chairman Scapicchio called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**I. Consideration of Minutes**

**A. September 19, 2022**

A motion to accept the Minutes of September 19, 2022 as presented was made by Vice Chairman Wingate and seconded by Mr. Howard. All in favor; motion passed unanimous.

**II. Discussion Items**

**A. Veronica Bodge – Moose Mountain Regional Greenways**

Chairman Scapicchio stated that TCC partnered with Moose Mountain Regional Greenways (MMRG) on the last portion of land purchased for Great Meadow. He then introduced Ms. Veronica Bodge from (MMRG) who came to speak with the group about what MMRG can do in partnering with TCC. Ms. Bodge gave such examples as speaking to landowners on various items; partnering with us on projects and events; and purchasing properties. Ms. Bodge stated that MMRG is planning a conservation commission mixer potluck lunch and round table discussion on a Saturday afternoon in February 2023. She questioned the group on what topics are important to them that could be set for discussion at this event. Water quality, irrigation, educating the public, losing forested land and preserving sensitive land were mentioned. Ms. Bodge stated she attended a seminar that discussed trail access to those with handicaps. The group discussed ideas such as railings and ramps to help those with mobility issues. Vice Chairman Wingate asked Ms. Bodge if she could help plan our scavenger event at Old Home Days to which she agreed. Ms. Bodge and the group discussed the properties that TCC maintains for public access.

B. Review Field Trips with LCHIP and ARM Funds

Vice Chairman Wingate went on the LCHIP tour on the Lyon's Lot and the Bean Lot on Tuesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>. He spoke of some tour discussion; and stated overall the tours went well.

C. Budget Update

Chairman Scapicchio stated the budget is in good shape and that the 2023 budget will look similar with no big changes to line items. Chairman Scapicchio asked the group for their approval to pay two budgeted items: 1) donation of \$100.00 to Lake Winnepesaukee Association, and 2) annual dues of \$350.00 to Association of NH Conservation Commissions.

***Motion to pay two budgeted items: 1) Lake Winnepesaukee Association donation of \$100.00 and 2) Association of NH Conservation Commissions annual dues of \$350.00 made by Selectman Pike; seconded by Vice Chairman Wingate. All in favor, motion passed unanimous.***

Chairman Scapicchio stated he reviewed Rick Van de Poll's most recent invoice and has asked Vice Chair Wingate to also review it. It is for \$3,800.00. Chairman Scapicchio also stated he asked Ms. Podsen for any ideas she may have for educational items that the school may need and is waiting to hear from her.

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

The status of permit applications was reported by Jane Lemire.

IV. **Correspondence – None.**

V. **Old Business**

A. Nineteen Mile Brook Monitoring

Chairman Scapicchio spoke with Larry Gil who attended the latest flow monitoring of the stream with FB Environmental; and it was very high. Mr. Gil will report on this next month. Vice Chairman Wingate drafted a letter regarding the beaver dam to David Ford with Wolfeboro Public Works; the letter will be mailed to him this week. Wolfeboro has met regarding this and came to the same conclusion as TCC that the to remove the beaver and slowly breaching the dam is the only practical way to protect the RIB and prevent risk to Nineteen Mile Brook.

B. Great Meadow Trail Progress

Vice Chairman Wingate reported that foundation blocks are in, legs are braced and that the deck is 90% complete; still needed are railings and stairs. Mr. Howard asked on behalf of the Tuftonboro Association when the kiosk would have the informational board to install. Chairman Scapicchio stated it is being worked

on now with the history on one side and a map on the opposite side. Chairman Scapicchio stated that he would like to order the lumber that will be needed next

year so that we have it when we are ready to begin work in the spring. Chairman Scapicchio also stated that he spoke with Catherine Dufault about applying for a grant to do further work on the trail. TCC would have to pay upfront and the grant would be a payback. He is going to speak to the BOS about this.

***Motion to allow Chairman Scapicchio and Vice Chairman Wingate to gather a list of materials needed and to purchase these materials for continued work next spring on the Great Meadow Trail made by Selectman Pike; seconded by Mr. Howard. All in favor, motion passed unanimous.***

C. Forest Plans

Chairman Scapicchio stated there is no updates on the Forest Plans. It is complete and paid for. Chairman Scapicchio also stated that he is awaiting a quote from Dan Stepanauskas to manage the Sargent lot over multiple years. He will contact him as a quote is needed quickly to be put into the 2023 budget.

D. Water Testing

Ms. Podsen will report on this at the November meeting.

E. Other

Chairman Scapicchio updated the group that the land TCC plans to buy for \$5,000.00 by the bridge at Mirror Lake church is being held up by probate issues.

**VI. New Business**

- Chairman Scapicchio stated that Ms. Walsh had sent him an email discussing that folks who move from urban areas to lakefront properties really do not understand their footprint on the water quality of the lake. Ms. Walsh is suggesting that TCC take on a project of creating an informational pamphlet for new folks coming to the town as to what they can do to maintain the water quality. Ms. Walsh stated when she first moved here, as do other, do not know what is needed to be done with wells and septic systems. Her point is those from urban areas are used to city water and sewer and have no idea how to care for wells and septic systems. She is glad to write this and believes it will be very educational. Chairman Scapicchio also noted that the Tuftonboro Times is always looking for articles like this.

- Vice Chairman Wingate was contacted by the Abenaki Tower & Trail Association's new president who was interested in our kiosk at Great Meadow. Chairman Wingate met with him and showed it to him; he was greatly interested in having something similar at the Abenaki Tower. TCC does have an extra pre-fab kiosk that we can sell to them at our cost. TCC does have the plans if we ever
- want to build another one in the future. He also encouraged the group to become members of the Abenaki Tower & Trail Association.

***Motion to sell one pre-fab kiosk for TCC's cost to the Abenaki Tower & Trail Association made by Mr. Howard; seconded by Ms. Walsh. All in favor, motion passed unanimous.***

## **VII. Non-Public Session**

***Motion to enter non-public session made by Ms. Walsh; seconded by Selectman Pike.***  
Per RSA 91-A:3, II(d)

Roll call vote to enter non-public session:

- |                         |   |     |
|-------------------------|---|-----|
| • Chairman Scapicchio   | - | Aye |
| • Vice Chairman Wingate | - | Aye |
| • Mark Howard           | - | Aye |
| • Selectman Guy Pike    | - | Aye |
| • Michael Phelps        | - | Aye |
| • Lynne Walsh           | - | Aye |

***Motion passed unanimous.***

Entered non-public session at 7:40 p.m.

***Motion to leave non-public session and return to public session made by Selectman Pike; seconded by Ms. Walsh. All in favor, motion passed unanimous.***

Public session reconvened at 7:51 p.m.

***Motion to seal minutes made by Selectman Pike; seconded by Ms. Walsh. All in favor, motion passed unanimous.***

Roll call vote to seal non-public minutes:

- |                         |   |     |
|-------------------------|---|-----|
| • Chairman Scapicchio   | - | Aye |
| • Vice Chairman Wingate | - | Aye |
| • Mark Howard           | - | Aye |
| • Selectman Guy Pike    | - | Aye |
| • Michael Phelps        | - | Aye |
| • Lynne Walsh           | - | Aye |

**Adjourn:** There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Ms. Walsh and seconded by Selectman Pike. Motion passed unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

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