

**Town of Tuftonboro**  
**Conservation Commision**

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**Meeting Minutes**  
**August 21rst, 2023**

**Present:** Chairman Stephen Scapicchio, Vice Chairman Steven Wingate

Members: Lynne Walsh and Laurel Podsen

**Absent:** Heather Brown, Kate Nesbit, Mike Phillips Mark Howard, Selectmen Guy Pike and Larry Gill

**Call to Order:** Chairman Scapicchio called the meeting to order at 6:34 P.M.

**I. Consideration of Minutes**

A. July 17th 2023

1. A motion to accept the minutes as presented was made by Lynne Walsh and seconded by Steven Wingate and motion passed unanimously

**II. Discussion Item**

A. Guest Speaker - Pat Tarpey with Lake Winnepesaukee Association

1. Speaker came to discuss projects in Tuftonboro. Specifically she gave details on Site 1-12A: New Road Bioswales, Site 1-01B: Roadside Rain Garden off Route 109 and Site 4-07: Rain Garden on Northwoods Road. These are part of a larger watershed management plan and would cover 32% of the target goal that was set to reduce pollution into the lake. Attached is the detailed annex of the presentation. The presenter

highlighted the issue of stating that the prices on the projects may have gone up from 2019 when the document was originally produced. Bids were issued for the work in July and responses are expected by September 8th. Speaker states they have \$50,000 to put towards these projects and the grant expires December 2024, however, it may be possible to ask for an extension up to 9 months in order for the Town of Tuftonboro to raise any additional funds needed. It may be necessary to choose among the three projects which can be afforded. Scapicchio raised concern about limited time between getting in bids and the need of possible warrant articles. Wingate suggests that there be an explanation to potential contractors about the projects. LWA also contracted an assessment of the Melvin River for concerns about sediment along with Fish and Game assessed the health of fish in the river as well as the culverts from Sodom road to the dam. Reports of these findings should be available with LWA in the fall and recommendations will be included.

**B. Guest Speaker - Kathy Sciarappa - Mirror Lake Protective Association**

1. Kathy Sciarappa is speaking to inform the committee of what is going on on Mirror Lake focused on land conservation. MLA hired Rick Van de Poll to look at the 6 largest properties in Mirror Lake and rank them due to their environmental impact on the lake. MLA contacted the 6 priority land owners and found out that their interests vary. MLA is considering how they may be able to buy small lakefront properties to put them into conservation and have spoken to a number of other lake associations to find out if and how they are putting small land parcels into conservation easements. The chairman highlighted that the 2 largest parcels of land that could be bought for conservation are out of reach financially for MLA at the current moment. Speaker Kathy explained about a revolving loan fund which they wish to apply for equal to \$100,000, she is speaking to various people about it. Kathy proposes a Tuftonboro warrant

article in 2024 for implementation in 2025 in relations to clean water state revolving funds.

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

- A. One application for 38 Barber Pole road they would like to repair the break water - DONE

### **IV. Correspondence**

- A. 258 Cow Island, Request for more information(RFI) from DES. Reduced power watercraft lifts. Refiled with the state with requested information.
- B. 71 Middle Road would like to replace the drainage pipe under the driveway; it was denied and informed that 2 drainage pipes are necessary. He has redesigned and resubmitted applications.
- C. 42 Eaglemere after receiving a RFI resubmitted a plan to reduce the amount of docks and provide more specifics on materials to be used.

### **V. Old Business**

#### **A. Nineteen Mile Brook**

- 1. Larry Gile is absent - no report

#### **B. Great Meadow Trail - Other side of Kiosk**

- 1. Other side of kiosk needs further work as to what to add to it, next step will be by Steven Wingate

#### **C. Trail Maintenance Work Plans**

- 1. Chairman will meet expert on invasive species on the trail next week and put in a plan to start next month

#### **D. Water Testing - Update**

- 1. 16 people in water testing and returned all with water samples. State recommends households water testing every 3-5 years and Tuftonboro has the same people retesting every year. Chairman Scapicchio suggests skipping to every other year for water testing and to advertise in the Tuftonboro times.

E. Williams - Old Woods RD Lot

1. Chairman states that it is best to drop out of this deal as there were too many problems due to logging violations.

**VI. New Business**

- A. Community service award was given to Stephen Scapicchio and Steven Wingate by the Lakes Region Planning Commission and was published on the front page of the granite state newspaper.
- B. Selectman Albee informed the chairman that 15 acres of land behind the transfer station will be purchased by the town. Albee requested a letter to the Selectman from the Conservation commission explaining the importance of the land. This land would be a great addition to the Great Meadow to protect it.
- C. Office Bearer Positions need to be voted on in Septembers - members are encouraged to attend

**VII. Non Public Session**

- A. None

**Adjourn:** There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Lynne Walsh and seconded by Laurel Podson. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Katelyn Hazeltine, Tuftonboro Conservation Commission Secretary  
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