

**TOWN OF TUFTONBORO
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
February 15, 2016
MINUTES**

Members Present: Steve Wingate, Chairman, Mike Phelps, Vice-Chairman, Lloyd Wood, Selectman's Representative, Nancy Piper, Nancy Byrd, Kate Nesbit, Larry Gil, Mark Howard, Members, Keith Garrett, Ray Everest, Alternates.

Staff Present: Lee Ann Keathley, Secretary.

Chairman Wingate opened the meeting at 6:38 PM.

I. Consideration of Minutes
January 18, 2016

It was moved by Nancy Piper and seconded by Kate Nesbit to approve the January 18, 2016 Tuftonboro Conservation Commission minutes as submitted. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

II. Discussion Items

A. Taking Action for Wildlife Joint Workshop

Staff stated a joint workshop with the Wolfeboro Conservation Commission and possibly the Land Bank of Wolfeboro-Tuftonboro has been scheduled for April 11, 2016 @ 6:30 PM at the Wolfeboro Great Hall.

B. Rules of Procedure

The Commission reviewed the revisions (as noted in the January 18, 2016 minutes) and agreed to adopt the Rules of Procedure as written.

It was moved by Nancy Byrd and seconded by Nancy Piper to adopt the Tuftonboro Conservation Commission Rules of Procedure as revised. All members voted in favor. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Conservation Commission Annual Report

Steve Wingate stated the annual report was submitted to the BOS administrative assistant.

D. Well Water Testing Initiative

Nancy Piper stated she spoke to Jackie Rollins and noted the tax bills will be mailed the week of May 23rd. She stated she received permission to set up a table at Town Meeting.

The Commission discussed submitting an article in the Tuftonboro Times (deadline April 1st and July 1st). The Commission agreed to retrieve 100 testing kits (in addition to 80 radon testing kits).

Lloyd Wood questioned whether the Commission should reach out to local homeowners associations.

E. Master Plan

Staff informed the Commission that the Planning Board mailed the survey.

Steve Wingate stated he was disappointed with the survey and noted that five conservation and 3 parks and recreation questions were removed from the survey.

F. Work Program

Keith Garrett reviewed a program called the Bioblitz; noting such would occur over 3-4 days in which an entire inventory would be conducted. He discussed a summer long town-wide crowd inventory for Tuftonboro and Wolfeboro and recommended such beginning in May.

It was moved by Nancy Byrd and seconded by Kate Nesbit to appoint Keith Garrett as Chair to the Bioblitz inventory. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

G. Map Inventory and Digitizing

Mark Howard distributed an ARC GIS map of the Great Meadow.

H. Mirror Lake Protective Association Report

Larry Gil noted issues with the Association's website and that such is in the process of being resolved.

I. Mirror Lake Watershed Committee Report

Lloyd Wood stated the BOS and Budget Committee approved the warrant. He noted that NH DES has received all the necessary paperwork for the Dredge & Fill application; noting the Mirror Lake Protective Association donated \$5,000 towards the permitting fees.

III. NH DES Applications

John Heyl/#2015-02986

Dame Road

TM #44-2-17

Applicant received a Request For More information from NH DES.

Eversource

Route 171/Ledge Hill Road

TM #46-1-6, 57-2-1

Approved Standard Dredge & Fill application to install a new distribution line associated with the 390 distribution line located within the 100' Right-of-Way.

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Lang Pond Road

TM #64

New Standard Dredge & Fill application to reconstruct Lang Pond Road and install culverts connecting Mirror Lake to the wetlands on the east side of the roadway. Reviewed by Mike Phelps; no objection.

Thomas Connelly

37 Wawbeek Road

TM #13-1-3

New Permit By Notification application to replace a 669 SF piling dock and 3SF ice cluster, repair existing 830 SF breakwater including the addition of a 6' gap at the shoreline. Reviewed by Steve Wingate; no objection.

IV. Correspondence

- Citizens account statement; balance \$31,323.50
- Steve Wingate reappointed as representative to Tuftonboro to the LRPC
- Letter from Attorney Frank Kenison, on behalf of YMCA Camp Belknap, to withdraw its Conservation Restriction Assessment application filed on 4/13/10

V. New Business

- Steve Wingate recommended a liaison/representative from the Conservation Commission to attend other Town board/committees meetings.

- Lloyd Wood stated the Planning Board has two vacancies; noting the reappointment of two members was tabled
- Larry Gil and Nancy Byrd reviewed the NHANRS conference that both attended
- Kate Nesbit recommended holding workshops aimed at kids and families such as GPS trail mapping.

Lloyd Wood recommended contacting Bruce Farr, Vocational Center.

Keith Garrett offered to speak to Mr. Farr and recommended the GPS portion be included in the Bioblitz.

- Steve Wingate stated he spoke with Rick Martineau regarding work projects for students and/or an apprentice program for projects such as marking boundary lines.
- Steve Wingate volunteered the Commission to sponsor a hike at Old Home Day (8/26-8/27/16)
- Notice from Eversource NH regarding vegetation maintenance of the distribution system right-of-way (brush mowing of undesirable woody vegetation)
- Mark Howard has been appointed as the President of the Tuftonboro Association
- Library has all tapes and minutes from meetings available to the public
- Upcoming Workshops:
Water and Watershed Conference, 3/18/16
NH Arsenic Consortium, 3/24/16
Saving Special Places Conference, 4/9/16
LRPC Annual Meeting, 6/27/16
Invasive Insects, 4/21/16
Various NHTOA workshops

VI. Old Business

- Fenton Varney Wetlands Complaint; no update.
- Fabian Family Revocable Trust; Mike Phelps stated Lance Williams is considering purchasing the property.
- Orphan Easements; no update, tabled indefinitely until a response from the Attorney General's office is received.

It was moved by Kate Nesbit and seconded by Nancy Piper to adjourn the February 15, 2016 Tuftonboro Conservation Commission meeting. All members voted in favor.

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 8:29 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lee Ann Keathley

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