

**TOWN OF TUFTONBORO
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
February 17, 2020**

Members Present: **Chairman: Steve Wingate, Members: Laurel Podsen, Larry Gil and Kate Nesbit**
Selectmen's Representative: Lloyd Wood
Members Absent: **Vice Chairman: Mike Phelps, Member: Mark Howard**
Visitor: Stephen Scapicchio
Staff Present: Linda Bean, Administrative Secretary

Steve Wingate opened meeting at 6:35PM

I. Consideration of Minutes

- January 20, 2020
Larry Gil moved to except the minutes with amendments, Kath Nesbit seconded, and all were in favor. Changes will be in *bold and utilized print*.

II. Discussion Items

a. Great Meadow

- Grant Progress
Steve filled our visitor in on some of the history of this acquisition. Steve advised the members that he had heard that a large piece of equipment had been seen crossing the Sargent property in order to access an adjoining lot. He will be looking into this. Without any surprises he expects the sale to be final within the next week. We are keeping our figures crossed. Lloyd wanted to remind the TCC that when the Great Meadow acquisition is complete we should consider unsealing the non-public minutes.

b. Budget Review

- None was provided

III. Status of DES Applications

- See attached

IV. Correspondence

- None

V. Old Business

- **Landfill Proposal**
Larry called Karen today to inquire about responses to the proposals that were advertised for a new environmental study contract. The Town has received a few quotes for variations of the proposal. Some asked for clarification on items in the proposal. Larry said that they had decided that rather than put all the detailed NHDES requirements in the proposal, they would just reference the State website for clarification. Part of the problem is that the NHDES website has been down so it slows things down. Lloyd said that this was a topic of discussion at the Selectmen's Meeting on Tuesday. Selectmen decided to table whether or not to extend the deadline for more quotes.
- **Nineteen Mile Brook Study**
Larry said he was disappointed in what was presented at the public meeting by Normandeau representatives. One of the problems that Normandeau had to deal with was equipment failure and the TCC understands that this can happen. But Larry still doesn't understand why Wolfeboro's numbers were lower than Normandeau's numbers. It was pointed out that there were differences in the labs used and methods of obtaining the samples. In order to have results that can be compared, with any kind of accuracy, all methods must be the same. Steve spoke at length with Linda Murray, Wolfeboro Selectman, regarding future monitoring. In his opinion the people in Tuftonboro should have confidence in what Wolfeboro is doing. He felt that it's Wolfeboro's responsibility to do some kind of monitoring and that we could buy in on and that would give us some peace of mind. She understood but could not speak for the other selectmen.

- **Well Water Testing**

Laurel passed around copies of the flyers that she put out at the Town Hall at voting time, and that she will be distributing around town and at the Tuftonboro Central School. She is putting them on the TCC Facebook Page and Parks and Rec is doing the same. Lloyd suggested the transfer station. Laurel said that the last meeting Mark said he would ask the TA for help with a scholarship for well water testing. They are interested and more discussion is to follow.

- **CC Membership**

Steve brought up the alternate position on the TCC. Kathleen Murphy holds a full member position at this time but has requested to become an alternate. She has found that her work has presented a time issue so the full time membership is impossible for her to fulfill. Steve wanted the members to vote to change her status from a full member to an alternate member.

Steve made a motion to vote to change Kathleen Murphy to an alternate member, Kate Nesbit so moved, Larry Gil seconded, and all were in favor.

Next Steve asked our visitor, Stephen Scapicchio, if he would like to become a full time member of the TCC, he said he would.

Larry Gil moved that the TCC vote to make Stephen Scapicchio a full time member as of 02/17/20, Kate Nesbit seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

- **Wood Duck nesting boxes**

Steve asked if anyone would be interested in placing the boxes on the island at Copps Pond. Laurel, Stephen said they would go out with Steve while the ice is safe. He still has to contact the owner.

- **Bio Blitz**

Laurel said that the last meeting was cancelled. This was actually a program that Kathleen was working on last year. Now Laurel is just waiting for a scheduled date for training. Laurel will send out info as soon as it is decided.

- **TCC Vests**

Members looked at the catalog to decide on the style etc. of the vests for the TCC. They chose the one they wanted and want 4 medium and 4 large in orange.

- **Mirror Lake Conservation**

Steve explained to our future new member that the Hersey property, 140 acres, along the main stream that supplies Mirror Lake, had been purchased. They were approached by the MLCC asking if they would like to sell an easement. They were interested. They met with Rick Van de Poll who explained the process. They would like to reserve 4 acres around the old Hersey cabin and 10 acres on either corner on the upper parts of the property. Steve wants to meet with them at some point and talk to them about the number of acres they want to keep out and what their goal is for the land. We have a warrant article that will be presented at the Town Meeting for \$12,000 so Rick Van de Poll can submit LCHIP and ARM applications fund grants. Right now the plans are to go with these two grants. Lloyd asked if the WCC is on a parallel course and Steve said yes they were. Steve said that we could make an agreement that only one CC would have to do the inspection on both parcels each year. They didn't vote on this but they listened. Right now there is a pre-application date for LCHIP in mid- May, for the ARM fund it would be late May. Steve said if our warrant article passes, Rick Van de Poll would be contracted to complete the grant applications.

- **Cheney Farm**

Steve said he knew nothing new. Lloyd wanted to know if anyone was living there now. Steve said no. Lloyd felt that the barn should be closed up for safety reasons. Steve said that the town owns an easement only and the town has no right or responsibility to close it.

VI. New Business

- **4/06 Saving Special Places**

Steve explained what this conference is all about. It is the first weekend of April. Everyone has to let the secretary know so she can sign them up. TCC pays for attendance and mileage. Carpooling is available.

Also mentioned was the Water & Watershed Conference that is coming up on 03/13. Members will let the secretary know if they want to attend.

- **Earth Day**

Laurel will be in charge of Earth Day at the school again this year. She has talked with the Principal, at the Tuftonboro Central School, Mr. Gilpatrick, about topics. They wanted to keep it conservation related. She filled in our new member about what they did last year. Laurel has new ideas she is working on. They have only an hour to work with so the projects have to be small.

- **MMGW**

Steve asked if everyone remembered Ian Whitmore, who is now on the Board of Directors of Moose Mountain Green Ways, and they did. Ian asked Steve about the Mirror Lake project. Steve explained the problem that TCC cannot hold an easement in Wolfeboro. Ian suggested the TCC ask MMGW to help. Steve mentioned to him that we were not in their territory. Ian said that could be changed. They would like to help TCC on some projects. Steve said that if they include Tuftonboro in their territory that we should join their organization as they do a lot for conservation.

- **NHACC Survey**

Steve went over the survey with the members. He recorded their suggestions. He also asked the secretary to forward any newsletter she receives to all of the members.

Kate brought up a working Planning Board meeting with their lawyer on the subject of Bed & Breakfasts, concerning the legal ramifications of this type of rental. TCC is invited to attend if they are interested. This meeting is 03/05 on Thursday.

There being no further business, Kate Nesbit moved to adjourn the 02/17/20 TCC meeting, Larry Gil seconded, and all were in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.

**Respectfully Submitted,
Administrative Secretary
Linda Bean**

Status of DES Applications
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1. Dana & Carolyn Pope
20 Caverly Point Rd, MAP 27-1-5
State issued permit to repair docking structures, boathouse and replenish beach, with 9 project specific conditions and 7 NHDES wetlands permit conditions.
2. Paul Remus
94 Cow Island, MAP 38-1-244
Replace existing U-shaped permanent piling dock and four existing fender pilings. Additionally, install two three-piling ice protection clusters, one seasonal boatlift and two seasonal PWC lifts. TCC deferred to the Wetlands Bureau as due to ice conditions they were unable to inspect. Steve Wingate stated that this looks to be routine. State received application.
3. Wadsworth Street LLC
55 Banfield Rd., MAP 38-3-4
Remove an unauthorized ice cluster and repair an existing 1415 sq ft boathouse with associated docking and single three pile ice cluster, in-kind, on an average of 158 ft of shoreline frontage along Lake Winnepesaukee in Tuftonboro. State approved with 14 project specific conditions, and 7 NHDES wetlands permit conditions.
4. Douglas/Stacy Gooding
2 Steeple Lane, MAP 52-1-20
State issued a permit to construct a 400 sq ft perched beach with 4 ft access steps and rock walls. Reset and tighten 15 linear feet of fallen rock on 87 ft of frontage along Mirror Lake in Tuftonboro. Permit has 12 project specific conditions and 7 NHDES wetland permit conditions.
5. Peter Krawczyk
10 Senter Cove Rd, MAP 2-1-64
State issued a permit to temporarily impact 20 linear ft of bank in order to reset 10 linear ft of rock displaced along an existing perched beach and repair existing water access steps, in kind, on 100 linear ft of frontage along Lake Winnepesaukee in Tuftonboro. Permit is subject to 13 project specific conditions and 7 NHDES wetland permit conditions.
6. Ben & Lexi Hoffman
12 Forest Rd, MAP 14-4-1
State approved constructing a 6'x50' wharf accessed by a 4'x45' walkway and drive three ice cluster on an average of 179' of frontage along Lake Winnepesaukee in

Melvin Bay. State approved with 10 project specific conditions and 7 wetlands conditions.

7. Lanes End Inc

MAP 2-1-71

State approved application to permanently replace five 16''x20' finger piers and one 16''x18' finger pier within an existing commercial marina with four 20.5''x24' finger piers and one 20.5''x20' finger piers, remove seven tie-off pilings, drive six new tie-off pilings and repair all remaining structures in kind on a average of 810' of frontage along Lake Winnepesaukee on Haley's Point.