

# TOWN OF TUFTONBORO CONSERVATION COMMISSION

October 21, 2019

**Members Present:** Chairman Steve Wingate, Members; Larry Gil, Laurel Podsen, Kate Nesbit and Selectmen's Representative Lloyd Wood

**Members Absent:** Members; Kathleen Murphy

**Staff Present:** Linda Bean, Administrative Secretary

**Arriving late:** Vice Chairman: Mike Phelps and member: Mark Howard

Steve Wingate opened meeting at 6:30 PM

## I. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

- **September 16, 2019**

**Accepted with a few changes which will be in bold and italicized print.**

Laurel Podsen moved to accept the minutes with corrections, Kate Nesbit seconded the motion, all were in favor.

## II. DISCUSSION ITEMS

### a. Great Meadows

- **Grant Progress**  
No new information at this time.
- **Trail Progress**  
Steve found where someone had left tire ruts in the parking lot. Steve has a bill to submit for the bridge and walkway demo. Will not be working on GM trails until the Copps Pond Observation platform is built. Mike Hager will be in charge of the construction. We are looking at early November for completion. Lloyd mentioned that the selectmen would be willing to set aside funds to help with the project.
- **CIP Project**  
Steve said that he submitted an estimate for an observation platform to be constructed in 2023 for \$12,000.

### b. Budget

- **Budget**  
Kate Nesbit reviewed the TCC budget and everything looks good.
- **Draft 2020 Budget**  
Members discussed the proposed budget for 2020. Kate Nesbit moved that the Draft Budget be submitted as discussed, seconded by Larry Gill. The vote was unanimous.
- **TCC Membership**  
Steve asked about possible new members. Mark is going to be speaking with someone that might be interested in an alternate position.

## III. STATUS OF NH DREDGE & FILL APPLICATIONS

### 1. Lanes End

Lanes End Rd MAP 2-1-71

Plans that the State received did not satisfy the project specific condition. Needs to submit more Information.

### 2. William Deyesso

Durgin Rd MAP 46-2-9

State received application.

### 3. Nancy Ferraro

36 Boycroft Rd MAP 62-3-2

State received application.

### 4. Mark & Heidi Capone

4 Little Bear Island MAP 11-1-58

State received complaint regarding the removal of trees/shrubbery along the shoreline.

Owners will need to restore the shoreline to its prior condition.

5. **Rich Cassella, Fred Sargent & David Cuff**

Mtn Rd Gravel Pits MAP 32-2-4 & 12

Request permit to disturb approximately 304,920 sq ft of earth at the subject property.

**IV. CORRESPONDENCE**

- **NHACC**  
Request for membership dues.  
**Jacob Evans**  
Thanking the commission for its ongoing work and offering to help in the future. Mike Phelps volunteered to contact the owners of the property around Melvin Pond to see if they would be interested in conserving the property.
- **Great Bay Discovery Center**  
A guide to planning trails that allow people to enjoy nature and wildlife to thrive.

**V. OLD BUSINESS**

- **Nineteen Mile Brook Study**  
Larry Gil stated that Normandeau is done with the sampling for this season. They had some software issues and lost the month of September.
- **Watershed Plan Progress**  
Steve attended the advisory meeting along with Larry Gil.
- **Mirror Lake Conservation Plan**  
Larry stated that the buyer for the Hersey property is looking for any help that the TCC can give them. Steve asked Rick Van de Poll to assist but this would probably have to be a warrant article because of the cost involved.
- **Santec and Landfill**  
Larry Gil feels that we need more direction regarding whether Santec will continue to work with the town. He has received the last report, but will have to bring to the next meeting.
- **TCC Vest**  
Steve asked the secretary to order 10 TCC Vests.  
**Central School Trail**  
**Laurel** stated that the last clean-up that was scheduled was rained out. She is planning one for 10/28<sup>th</sup> around 9am if anyone would like to join in.
- **Facebook**  
Steve said that the secretary has offered to pick this up for the time being.
- **Nesbit Easement**  
Kate stated that she is adding 15 more acres to her original easement on the Tuftonboro Neck Road. Lloyd thanked her for her generosity.
- **Cheney Farm**  
Steve asked Mike what the status was on the inspection. Mike said that he has not done this yet. He needs to get ahold of the occupant to arrange the inspection.

**VI. NEW BUSINESS**

- **NHACC Ann Membership**  
Steve said that we received our new membership forms. He wanted to know if the TCC wants to renew this. Members voted to do this.  
**Mark Howard moved that the TCC renew its membership with the NHACC, Larry Gill seconded the motion, all were in favor.**
- **Stream Restoration Conference**  
Steve attended this conference which discussed how trees that fall into our streams are actually beneficial to wildlife. The conference covered the protection of our streams and how it relates to wildlife.
- **Van Arsdale**  
Steve informed members that he had been contacted by the Michael Van Arsdale regarding the possibility of putting an easement in place on their property which abuts the Cheney Farm. He feels that this would be a good addition to the conservation of the Cheney Farm easement. Steve mentioned that he has contacted the NRCS and thinks that they will be very helpful. Members also felt that this would be a good endeavor.

- **Mt. Pleasant**  
Steve stated that things are moving along slowly. Tuftonboro will hold the easement on the property.
- **New Mapping System**  
Steve suggested that the resolution could be better. Lloyd mentioned that Moultonborough has 17 layers to their maps. The culvert locations and condition of the culverts is very helpful to the Road Agent. There are many things that can be added to these maps that will be very beneficial.
- **Lloyd Wood asked about the TCC working on an effort to clean up the river bank adjacent to the Mirror Lake Church, discussion followed.**

#### **VII. NON-PUBLIC SESSION**

It was moved by Kate Nesbit and seconded by Larry Gil to enter into Non-Public session at 8:30 PM to consider the acquisition of real property (RSA 93-A:3,II(d)). Roll call vote; Steve Wingate-yes, Lloyd Wood-yes, Laurel Podsen-yes, Mark Howard-yes, Mike Phelps-yes. The motion passed.

Kate Nesbit moved that the TCC move out of Non-Public Session, it was seconded by Laurel Podsen. Roll call vote; Steve Wingate-yes, Lloyd Wood-yes, Mark Howard-yes, Larry Gil-yes, Mike Phelps-yes. The motion passes. The board re-entered public session at 8:50 PM.

*Lloyd Wood moved to seal the minutes, Mark Howard seconded. Roll call vote; Steve Wingate-yes, Laurel Podsen-yes, Larry Gil-yes, Kate Nesbit-yes, Mark Howard-yes*

With there being no further business. Kate Nesbit moved to adjourn the 10/21/19 meeting, it was seconded by Mark Howard, motion passed, meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Administrative Secretary  
Linda Bean