

**TOWN OF TUFTONBORO
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
January 21, 2019
MINUTES**

Members Present: Steve Wingate, Chairman; Larry Gil, Kate Nesbit, Ray Everest, and Mark Howard

Members Absent: Mike Phelps, Vice-Chairman; Lloyd Wood, Selectmen's Representative

Staff Present: Linda Bean, Administrative Secretary.

Chairman Wingate opened the meeting at 6:31 PM.

I. Consideration of Minutes

December 17, 2018

Corrections: There were no corrections.

It was moved by Larry Gil and seconded by Ray Everest to approve the December 17, 2018 Tuftonboro Conservation Commission minutes as written. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

II. Discussion Items

A. New Administrative Secretary

Linda Bean was welcomed to the Commission. It was decided that she would be available at the Town Offices for questions and assistance to the members and the public every Tuesday from 9 AM to 11 AM.

Mark Howard moved to approve this schedule, Ray Everest seconded. All members voted in favor. Motion carried.

B. Great Meadow

Funds

Steve Wingate had requested that any monies left over in the 2018 budget be used to finish some TCC projects. At that time it was noted that there was not as much available in TCC funds as first thought. Steve met with the selectmen and they approved adding left over funds from the Tuftonboro Milfoil Fund.

Title Issue

Members discussed complications with obtaining a clear title with land involved with the Great Meadows. There are requirements by LCHIP and ARM funding that would have to be met prior to dispersing grants. The Commission will look for other means of funding to resolve issue. Rick Van de Poll will be contacting owners to review paperwork to see if there is a resolution to the problem.

Trail

Steve Wingate applied last year for \$12,000 for the trails on the south end. CIP recommended to wait 5 years as they needed to focus on other projects. TCC could request additional funds in a warrant article. The Tuftonboro Association might be able to help with funding for the parking lot and kiosk. They would like to see some progress sooner than later. The Land Bank was another possibility for funding. It was suggested that rocks could be put in place and some sort of signage for the trails. Ray Everest suggested that the parking should perhaps be a priority in order to indicate to the public that trails are being worked on and Mark Howard agreed that this was important. Mark suggested that the Tuftonboro Association might be able to contribute \$4000 or \$5000 towards the parking area. Chip Albee worked out the cost of a kiosk to be about \$1200 for materials. It was agreed to bring this up at the 02/20/19 meeting. It was decided that Ray Everest would take on the task of reaching out to the Tuftonboro Association for further discussion regarding support from the board.

Kate Nesbit motioned to approve Ray Everest reaching out to the Tuftonboro Association for further discussion regarding their support, Mark Howard seconded. All members voted in favor. Motion carried.

C. Facebook Page

Ray Everest suggested that Kate Nesbit might be able to write an article on easements so the public would be more aware of what easements accomplish and what is involved. Kate agreed to take this on and suggested that an article be added that was written by John Berry, Ray Everest agreed.

D. Annual Report

Mark Howard indicated that Steve Wingate is doing great job on the Annual Report. A few changes were made.

E. NHDES Wetlands Rules Change

Steve Wingate stated the deadline for submitting materials was changed to 01/18/19.

F. Land Use Change Tax

Kate Nesbit spoke with Dan Coons from WCC, regarding the land use change. Dan stated that Wolfeboro receives 100% of the Land Use Tax. Tuftonboro, at this time, receives 50% of this tax with a ceiling of \$5000. Perhaps the Commission should do some sort of a question and answer hearing for the public. This would assure the public that this would not increase their taxes. It was suggested that this hearing could possibly be done on Candidates Night on 02/19/19 at the Town House. One other possibility would be to do a partitioned warrant article.

G. Mirror Lake Protective Association Report

Larry Gil sent a letter to the Mirror Lake Protective Assoc. Board of Directors looking for assistance or support for the Lake Winnepesaukee Advisory Committee, but has not as yet received a response. He also spoke with Don Kratchmer trying to see about getting sediments samples from the lake. DES apparently has a program for this but Larry has not contacted them yet.

III. Status of NH DES Dredge & Fill Application

Committee reviewed Wetland Notifications as follows:

1. William Lawrence Camp Inc
Letter from DES that notice is sufficient to start work with outlined conditions.
2. Johnny & Lorianne Speir
Notice from DES with approval to install a 6' x 34' seasonal finger dock with walkway etc.
3. Governor Wentworth Hwy, Mirror Lake
Letter from Mirror Lake Conservation Commission advising that the NHDES accepted an application on 01/10/19 for permit program and subject property referenced.
4. White Mountain Survey
An application will be filed with the NHDES on behalf of the Town of Tuftonboro for a NHDES Wetlands Permit for property that abuts land Tuftonboro owns.
5. Robert B Bennett Trust
Notice from DES with approval to install a 14' x 30 seasonal canopy in the center slip of docking facility.
6. Mahnaz Mahidashti
NHDES has approved the Restoration Plan as submitted, subject to the outlined specific conditions.
7. 4 Governor Wentworth Hwy, Tuftonboro
NHDES advised that they have accepted an application for the permit program and subject property referenced. It is noted in the letter that this is not a permit or authorization to begin work.
8. James & Margareta White Trust
NHDES has approved the permit to remove a 6' x 28' permanent pier and 11 cubic yards of rock jetty materials.

IV. Correspondence

TCC received a thank you letter from the Lakes Region Conservation Trust for becoming members.

TCC received a letter from the Society Protection of Forests regarding an easement on Windleblo Road. They check for compliance every year and they reported that everything was fine.

V. Old Business

Landfill testing

Larry Gil received email from Andrew Ashton from Sanborn Head which stated that they had completed a review of all of the data and thought it would be released on 01/18/19. Haven't seen anything yet but the report may be submitted to the selectmen prior to being released to the TCC.

Larry Gil gave a very good explanation of how the leak from the old land fill can affect the surrounding land and waters. Steve reported on the Aquafir Basin and thought it might be a good idea to review the data submitted by DES. When Steve met with the Normandeau & Assoc he mentioned to them that a lot of data has already been collected.

Normandeau & Assoc agreed to look at all the data that is currently available and come back with recommendations of what kinds of things will need to be re-measured. This study will become a warrant article.

VI. New Business

Training opportunities will be coming up. Steve went over a partial list of upcoming events. No decisions were made regarding attendance.

Discussion was brought up as to delegating certain projects to the members of the committee. All of the members discussed the topics and volunteered to be responsible for new duties.

VII. Non-Public Session

N/A

It was moved by Mark Howard and seconded by Kate Nesbit to adjourn the January 21, 2019 Tuftonboro Conservation Commission meeting. All members voted in favor. Motion carried.

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Bean