

**TOWN OF TUFTONBORO
CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**April 15, 2019
MINUTES**

Members Present: Chairman Steve Wingate, Members; Ray Everest, Kathleen Murphy, Mark Howard and Kate Nesbit, Selectman's Representative Lloyd Wood

Members Absent: Vice Chairman Mike Phelps, Members; Laurel Podsen and Larry Gil

Staff Present: Linda Bean, Administrative Secretary

Chairman Wingate opened the meeting at 6:32 PM.

I. Consideration of Minutes

All corrections are made in bold and italicized print.

It was moved by Mark Howard and seconded by Kate Nesbit to approve the March 18, 2019 TCC minutes with corrections. All were in favor of motion.

II. Discussion Items

a. Great Meadow

- **Trail Plan Update**

Steve Wingate stated that Bill Marcussen suggested that Jack Parsons be involved in finding a contractor and supervising the construction for the proposed parking area at the Great Meadow trail head. Jack has already contacted Jeff Moody Excavation for an updated quote. Mark Howard said that the Tuftonboro Association will be contributing **up to** \$6000 for this endeavor which has already been approved by the board members. Steve said the Selectmen will have to hold a public hearing to accept the funds. Lloyd Wood suggested that Mark coordinate with Karen, Selectmen's Secretary, for the dates of the Selectmen Meetings.

- **Acquisition Progress**

Ray Everest provided a map to show where the new GM properties are located. Steve Wingate stated that the process is moving along and that Rick Van De **Poll** is working on his last step in the process. He hasn't received the final draft but when this is done Steve will send a copy to the members and the Selectmen's Secretary for their review. At that point we can have the LCHIP Funds released which is close to the timing of the ARM Fund release. We have a public hearing on 05/02/19 to accept comments from the public regarding the use of Conservation Funds to purchase the Sargent lot 31-1-2 and Phelps lot 31-1-1. the funds. Then on 05/06/19 at the Selectmen's Meeting we will ask them to approve the purchase. Budget looks good for bills the TCC has to pay. We will have bills from the Lakes Region Conservation Trust for administration cost for taking on the easement, legal cost from the town attorney, Rick Van De **Poll's** last bill and the \$2000 to the surveyor.

- **Celebration**

Steve Wingate said the Rick Van De Poll will be available to lead the tour of the GM. Mark Howard said that he would provide water from one of the local camps. The Commission will put up signs for the LCHIP and ARMS. Maybe one of the selectmen could make a presentation. The GSN reporter from the Grunter should be invited. A date will be set after completion of the acquisition.

b. Budget Update

- Kate Nesbit reviewed the updated Commission budget with the members. She went over the expenditures and balances.

c. Earth Day School Program

- Kathleen Murphy said that this will take place on Thursday. All the birdhouses are ready. There will be a platform for each birdhouse designated to each family participating. They should have about 45 minutes for this event. She is providing a card for each teacher for their thoughts on this event and possible future events. The School Yard Sites Coordinator contacted her as they are not sure what they will be doing in 2021. Interest is not enough at this time to provide them with a program. Kathleen said she will contact schools in the area to see if she can spark some interest in the UNH Bio Blitz program. Steve Wingate added adapters to the birdhouses to make it easier to anchor them to a post. The cost for the post and adapters is \$132.28 which covers both the school program and boxes to be installed around the town garden. The AG Com. will be paying half or the cost at the garden.

Mark Howard moved that half be paid from the Conservation Commission Fund to pay for the materials needed for the school program or \$66.14. The motion was seconded by Lloyd Wood, all were in favor, motion passed.

Easement Monitoring

- Steve Wingate had a map showing the Bentley and Parkhurst easements. TCC has missed monitoring a portion of the Bentley Easement. Steve is reviewing some of the historical information for details. He will contact the owner soon to set up a meeting with himself and Kate prior to a field review.
- d. **Town Roadside Clean Up**
- Steve Wingate stated that the date for the clean-up is 04/27/19. There is a sign-up sheet and the maps at the Town Offices. Volunteers can pick other dates if the 04/27/19 doesn't work for them.
- e. **Speakers at Meetings**
- Steve Wingate asked for input on having speakers come to some of our meetings to give short talks on different subjects. Meeting would have to start one half hour earlier. Steve will look into having speakers.

III. Status of NH Dredge & Fill Applications

- **James & Kimberly Santo**
Basin Drive, Map 51-2-15
Project Description: Construct a 6' path through 100 SF of poorly drained wetland to access a proposed U-shaped dock assembly. TCC has deferred this application to the Wetlands Bureau.
- **Robert H Thomas**
46 Cow Island, Map 38-1-24
DES has issued a Wetlands Permit to replace a 6'x30' piling dock.
- **David Walsh**
18 Mason Road, Map 2-1-10
Project Description: To form and pour a 6'x3'x3' cement anchor pad to support a proposed 6'x40' seasonal crank up dock.
TCC has no objections to the issuance of this permit.
- **Richard Navarro**
23 Tuftonboro Neck Road, Map 51-2-38
Project Description: Expand an existing 6'x30' seasonal dock with an 8' ramp to a 40' long dock.
TCC has no objections to the issuance of this permit.
- **Colleen & Glenn Raiche**
37 Cow Island, Map 38-1-43 & 44
Letter from DES confirming the receipt of an application. This is not a permit to begin work.
- **Hidden Valley Property Owners Assoc**
Hidden Valley Road, Map 69-2-5 & 19
Project Description: Construction of a plunge pool at the discharge of an existing culvert to reduce downstream sediment discharge into Lower Beech Pond, dredging of pond bed to remove existing sediment discharge from runoff and beach area and regrading of pond bed to facilitate annual boat launches.
TCC has submitted a memo and photos of the project to DES.
- **Alfred S Lilly**
135 Cos Island, Map 37-1-9
Project Description: Relocating the existing dock to the southeast approx. 80' and installing a new seasonal docking system.
TCC submitted with memo to the DES.
- **Bente & Craig Starble**
15 Winnishores Road, Map 40-3-16
Project Description: Provide a new portion of dock, to connect to the existing dock in order to provide a 3rd boat slip.
TCC deferred this application to the Wetlands Bureau.

IV. Correspondence

- Steve Wingate received an email from Ann Torregrossa, Chairman of the Mirror Lake Conservation Committee, in regards to Water Shed Conservation. Last year they had reached out for assistance with the development of a conservation plan for the Mirror Lake Watershed. They have a map and chart with all of the vacant properties on the lake, their size, present use, owner, etc. She offered to help with the educational trails that TCC is planning.

- UNH Workshops
UNH will be holding the 2019 Conservation Field Training Series. If anyone is interested they can sign up online.

V. Old Business

- 4/06 Saving Special Places**
Steve Wingate asked if anyone had anything to share regarding these workshops. Mark Howard was impressed with the GIS maps. Kate Nesbit attended one on the Monarch Butterfly and was surprised to learn how many generations it takes to go from South America to New England.
- 19 Mile Brook Study**
Steve Wingate reminded everyone that there is going to be a new study done on the brook. Members have been invited to go along when the sampling is done. Steve asked the Selectmen if they planned to have anyone oversee the contract with Normandeau Assoc. He told them that the TCC carried out that duty on the first study. The Selectmen asked him to write up a proposal. Steve said he would send a draft around to the Commission members for comment before he sends it in.
- Bio Blitz**
Kathleen Murphy stated that the original deadline was incorrect and it should be 05/15/19. Turns out they are only helping two towns this year. They stated that they would prefer at least 100 acres. Plans should be put on hold until next year. Kathleen has volunteered to head this endeavor.

VI. New Business

- Camp Belknap**
Steve Wingate attended an open house at the camp. They are updating some of their buildings as well as replacing the entire sewer system. Bill Marcussen also attended the open house and told Steve that the camp had volunteered to help with the trail for the Great Meadow. He will contact the Co-director to discuss the possibility.
- Water Summit**
Steve Wingate stated that this will be on 05/11 at the Wolfeboro Town Hall. This is all about keeping the lake water clean. Steve will email info to all the members.
- Mount Pleasant**
Steve Wingate showed everyone a map of the location. It is on the Tuftonboro-Wolfeboro town line between North Line Rd and Brown Rd. Land at this location is probably going up for sale and would like to see it go to a Conservation Commission. Mark Howard pointed out that the TCC has a lot going on at this point. He suggested that we could help in other ways. Lloyd Wood also felt that now might not be a good time.
- Raising Money**
Ray Everest suggested that some plan should be in place to raise money for the Great Meadow trail. Lloyd Wood stated that \$6000 has been raised. Steve Wingate stated that he spoke with Dan Barnard and learned there may be a special edition of the Tuftonboro Times featuring the Great Meadow to kick off a fund-raising drive. Mark Howard said that this could be done and the edition would include envelopes for donations, but the TA needs to vote on it first.
- DES Applications**
Ray Everest suggested that we not go over the DES Applications at the meetings. This does add a lot of time to the meetings anyway. Steve said he would check to see what is required and work with Linda to minimize time used for updates.
It was moved by Kathleen Murphy to make this change in the DES Applications, Ray Everest seconded the motion, all were in favor, motion passed.

It was moved by Kate Nesbit and seconded by Kathleen Murphy to adjourn the April 15, 2019 Tuftonboro Conservation Commission meeting. All members voted in favor. Motion carried.

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Bean