

**TOWN OF TUFTONBORO
CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

July 15, 2019

Members Present: Chairman Steve Wingate, Vice Chairman Mike Phelps, Members; Larry Gil, Kate Nesbit, Mark Howard

Members Absent: Selectmen's Representative Lloyd Wood, Members; Kathleen Murphy, Laurel Podsen

Staff Present: Linda Bean, Administrative Secretary

Steve Wingate opened meeting at 6:35 PM

I. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

- **June 17, 2019**

Mark Howard moved to accept the minutes with one minor change, Larry Gil seconded motion, all were in favor (changes will be in bold and italicized print).

II. DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. Great Meadow

- **Boundary Marking**

Steve Wingate said that the date for boundary marking has been changed to August 12. Rick Van de Poll is donating paint for marking. Steve has two paint guns and LRCT is sending two people to help. Anyone that wants to participate is welcome. Steve and Rick will be the painters and some will be scouts.

- **Trail Progress**

Steve Wingate says the parking lot is constructed. He wanted to know if we have paid for it yet. Mark Howard said that the TA would like to receive approval from the Board of Selectmen stating that the parking lot is up to specs before the TA sends payment. He said they do have the bill from Jeff Moody for \$4,800. Mike Phelps said that he thought the parking lot was not very big. Steve explained that because of the boundary lines, an old foundation and the slope of the land it is the size that it has to be. There was a question regarding whether or not a gate was included in the original quote. Steve said that an inquiry will be made about the gate. We have \$6,000 for the parking lot. Mark said that the TA has received about \$14,000 in donations so far. Steve said that it is close to the original cost estimate. This would depend on the cost of the lumber. Steve wondered about giving credit on the kiosk to all the donators. Kate mentioned that some people may not want their names mentioned. The members asked Steve to document the parking lot process, from the beginning to the end, for the Great Meadow files. He agreed to do this. Steve sent Mark Howard an email asking him to speak with Chip Worthington regarding the cost of the lumber needed for the trail boardwalks and bridges. Chip would need to know quantities and species of lumber. Kate asked about railings. Steve said there would be railings on the bridges only. Kate was concerned about liability and Steve said that we were not constructing something that would be a hazard. Larry Gil asked if the trail was marked. Steve said that it is marked with ribbon. It was decided that August 10, at 10 am, would be the date for everyone to walk the trails and give their thoughts for any changes. The rain date will be August 17. Emails will be sent to those who volunteered to help with the trails.

- **Progress on Grant Funds**

Steve said he has been emailing Rick Van de Poll for progress reports. Answers have all been optimistic. Steve stated that the Easement process has been very slow with many changes and questions. There are several things that still need to be completed. It seems the appraisal will have to be redone because of the lapse of time from the original. Steve also said the according to Paula Bellemore, after everything is final it would be four weeks before we receive a check.

- **Celebration**

No information until things are finalized.

- **LCHIP Easement Deed**

Steve said he reviewed the easement document. This has been a very slow process trying to fine tune the document with many changes. Members reviewed notes and highlighted items. Steve would like for the TCC to vote on the clean copy of the easement tonight.

Kate Nesbit moved that we recommend that the Board of Selectmen approve the "clean copy" dated 07/12/19, of the Easement Deed, as approved by LRCT and LCHIP (assuming the removal of highlighting) Mark Howard seconded, all were in favor.

- **Land Bank Trust**
Steve stated that LRCT has filed an LCHIP Grant request for the purchase of Pleasant Mountain. LBT voted to hold the easement. LCHIP has reached an agreement with the Albee family, that would allow time for the LRCT to apply for the funds to purchase the property.

b. BUDGET UPDATE

- **Payment to GM Survey**
Kate Nesbit reviewed budget. Members reviewed bills that have not yet been submitted. And there was some discussion about starting to work on the 2020 budget. Steve said that we have NHCC meeting will be coming up. We have Rick Van de Poll's invoice which is \$2932.50 with a professional discount to the TCC of \$932.50 leaving a balance of \$2,000.
Mike Phelps moved that this bill be paid out of Acquisitions and Monitoring, TCC Budget, Mark Howard seconded, all were in favor.

III. STATUS OF NH DREDGE & FILL APPLICATIONS

- **Winmir Condo Assoc**
68 Gov Wentworth Hwy, Map 51-1-9
Dredge 66 cu yds from 2350 sq ft of lake bed adjacent to major docking system and attach 30 linear ft of skirting to docking system to create a barrier to sand migration, about 568' of frontage
- **Town of Tuftonboro**
Wharf Rd, Map 14-1-32
Retaining wall repair or replacement
- **Al Sciarappa**
4 Chipmunk Lane, Map 52-1-9
Remove 4'x41' and 8' dock, install 6'x30' dock and pour concrete anchoring pad
- **David & Donna Figler**
11 Chase Island, Map 27-2-11
Install a 6'x40' seasonal dock and a 4'x7' concrete hinge pad
- **Richard Navarro**
23 Tuft Neck Rd, Map 51-2-38
Remove existin 6'x30' seasonal pier and unauthorized 6'x8' extension and install a 6'x40' pier with two 6'x20' extensions in a F configuration.
- **Mahnaz Mahidashti**
10 Westwood Bay, Map 40-5-3
Letter from Varney Engineering LLC stating that 2714 sq ft has been restored (removed unauthorized fill) not all things have been completed.

IV. CORRESPONDENCE

- Letter from Michael Carlton informing the TCC that he was selling a parcel of land located off Mountain Rd, 171 tax map lot 32-2-5.
- Letter from Libby Museum outlining events scheduled for this year.
- Letter from Mirror Lake Watershed, inviting members to a meeting on Saturday, July 13, 2019 at 9 am.
- Letter from Lake Winnepesaukee Association thanking TCC for our support and asking TCC to renew their membership.
Kate Nesbit moved to renew the TCC's membership with LWA, Mark Howard seconded, all were in favor.

V. OLD BUSINESS

- **Nineteen Mile Brook Study**
Larry Gil went out in the early part of July with Joel Getty, they did the stations, no issues at most locations. There was one that had a significant slump with another break out. It was taped off, along with hay bales. This is on the Wolfeboro side maybe 20' away from the brook. Spoke with Dave Ford and they are aware of it, he said it might have been caused by a crew working on the power lines, they are not sure.
- **Watershed Plan Progress**
Steve said that the state has approved the contractor. Steve stated that he will be completing the shoreline tour with the contractor on Wednesday, with a rain date of Friday.

- **Mirror Lake Conservation Plan**
Steve said that the board had previously approved \$2,000, with the total bill of \$5,300, for Rick Van de Poll to start a survey. They have now approved the balance of \$3,300 for the rest of the survey focusing on the Hersey property. Steve told the board that if they decide to continue to pursue this purchase and apply for a grant, he recommends Rick Van de Poll for that and TCC might be able to contribute to that in the 2020 budget.
- **Well Water Testing**
Steve stated that Laurel Podsen was going to put State Kits in the lobby of the Town Offices with instructions of how to collect and submit samples. He believes that Laurel was going to try to work with the schools this fall to get involved with the water testing.
- **Cow Island**
Steve said he spoke with the Selectmen on June 3rd and mentioned that we would be resuming our efforts to conserve the town owned property on Cow Island. After discussing the project further, the Selectmen recommended postponing our efforts. The Island Assoc announced their Annual Meeting for July 13th and asked Steve to attend to discuss the Cow Island project. Steve was already committed to attending another Assn. Annual Meeting. Selectmen Chip Albee was planning to attend and agreed to explain the Selectmen's position on the project. Steve did write a letter to those who had submitted comments last year and told them that further work on the project was being postponed
- **Farm Island**
TCC had received calls on a proposed development on Farm Island. TCC and LRCT previously looked into this sale but felt they would not be able to come up with the asking price. Also, Kate Nesbit and Steve Wingate met with the developers earlier in the year and tried to convince them to conserve the majority of the Island when they developed a lot for themselves. Steve and Kate now feel that they misrepresented their intentions at that time. The developer will be presenting the plan to the Planning Board on July 18th. A large opposition group is expected.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- **Trail at Central School**
Laurel and Kathleen want to restore an old educational trail on town land in back of the Central School. Steve has put them in touch with Camp Belknap as they have volunteered to help build and maintain trails. Steve wanted to remind everyone about Old Home Day. He said that Laurel has agreed to take charge of the scavenger hunt. Will review at the next meeting.
- **Land Bank**
Looking for new members if anyone is interested.
- **Election of Officers**
Steve said this should be a part of the meeting at least once a year.
Mark Howard moved that Steve Wingate continue as Chairman and Mike Phelps continue as Vice Chairman, Larry Gil seconded, all were in favor.
- **Alternate Member**
Steve received an email from Ray Everest regarding his appointment as an Alternate Member. He stated that he will not be taking this position and will not be continuing his role with the TCC Face Book page. He has future surgery scheduled and will not be able to continue to volunteer.

**Larry Gil moved to adjourn the 07/15/19 meeting of the Tufonboro Conservation Meeting, Kate Nesbit seconded; all were in favor.
There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM.**

**Respectfully Submitted,
Administrative Secretary
Linda Bean**