

**TOWN OF TUFTONBORO
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
December 18, 2017
MINUTES**

Members Present: Steve Wingate, Chairman, Mike Phelps, Vice-Chairman, Lloyd Wood, Selectman's Representative, Larry Gil, Nancy Byrd, Nancy Piper, Kate Nesbit, Mark Howard, Members, Ian Whitmore, Alternate.

Member Absent: Ray Everest, Alternate.

Staff Present: Lee Ann Hendrickson, Administrative Secretary.

Chairman Wingate opened the meeting at 6:37 PM.

**I. Consideration of Minutes
November 20, 2017**

It was moved by Mike Phelps and seconded by Nancy Piper to approve November 20, 2017 Tuftonboro Conservation Commission minutes as submitted. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

II. Discussion Items

A. Great Meadow Trail

Steve Wingate stated Bill Marcussen informed him there may be left over funds to contract a person to open up the road and the beginning of the trail head for invasive species. He stated Jack Parsons could possibly assist with providing names of contractors. He stated one load of sand has been delivered for the parking area. He asked whether the Commission supports the project and noted that Commission funds would be used first (encumber remaining funds) and if additional funding was needed, the Selectmen would then contribute to the project.

Nancy Piper suggested contacting Student Conservation Association to assist with the project.

Lloyd Wood stated such could be included as a recommendation of the watershed plan.

It was moved by Nancy Piper and seconded by Nancy Byrd to support treatment of invasive species at the Great Meadow and funding such through encumbering and allocating the remaining Conservation Commission funds from the 2017 budget. All members voted in favor. The motion passed (unanimous).

B. Old Town Dump

Steve Wingate stated he received a call from Jim Vittum who informed him that he observed a substance in the beaver pond at the old Town dump. He stated there appears to be two kinds of algae, heavy iron precipitate and an oily residue on the surface; noting such was reported to the BOS. He stated the BOS would like him, Larry Gil, Clay Gallagher and Dave Alwine to look further into the matter. He discussed NHDES monitoring wells in the area.

Larry Gil stated NHDES has been monitoring the area and reports to the Town of Tuftonboro regarding such. He noted there is an easement on the abutting lot to allow for groundwater management on the property. He stated he would further investigate the issue and noted sampling is needed.

C. Mirror Lake Watershed Committee

Lloyd Wood stated that by all reports people are pleased with the results of the Lang Pond Road project. Referencing the Mirror Lake Boat Launch, he stated the funds for such have been encumbered and the project will be completed in spring 2018.

D. Mirror Lake Protective Association Report

No report.

III. NH DES Applications

Anthony & Elizabeth Grappone/#2017-03306

84 Cow Island

TM #38-1-5

NHDES approved Minimum Impact Expedited application to construct a 365 SF perched beach with 6' wide access.

Robert B. Bennett Trust/#2017-03428

4 Governor Wentworth Highway

TM #63-1-20

NHDES approved a Standard Dredge & Fill application to relocate the existing dock away from the northerly boundary line to make it compliant with the property line setback and to improve the dock structure configuration to aid the Trustee of the Trust who has mobility issues due to neuropathy in both legs. Reviewed by Nancy Byrd; no objection.

Mahnaz Mahidashti & Mohammed Reza Alemi/#2017-03436

10 Westwood Bay

TM #40-5-3

New Standard Dredge & Fill application to demolish existing shed and construct a new larger shed. NHDES accepted application.

Chase Realty Trust/#2017-02258

8 Foxwood Way

TM #38-3-1

NHDES approved Standard Dredge & Fill application to construct a dug-in boathouse, perched beach and associated grading.

Lane's End, Inc./#2017-02399

7 Lanes End

TM #2-1-85

NHDES approved Standard Dredge & Fill application to remove existing fingers and replace with 9 fingers and eliminate two fingers to be supported by 2 pilings each; fingers will be enlarged and 7 fender fingers added.

Pritchard Living Trust/#2017-03543

274 Governor Wentworth Highway

TM #27-1-8

New Standard Dredge & Fill application to construct a 896 SF dug-in boathouse, dredge 380 SF in approach area and install a 6'x39' permanent dock with tie-off and ice cluster piles with four boatslips. Reviewed by Mark Howard; no objection.

IV. Correspondence

- Trail Maintenance for Volunteers Handbook; Steve Wingate requested staff order a handbook for the office.

- NHACC Survey; the Commission completed such.
- Lake Winnepesaukee Association
LWA is seeking individuals from Moultonborough, Tuftonboro and Wolfeboro to be on an Advisory Committee for the Moultonborough Bay and Winter Harbor Watershed Plan Update. Larry Gil and Mike Phelps volunteered to be members of the committee. Steve Wingate stated he would speak to Bill Marcussen regarding such.
- Wetlands Violation ~ Fenton Varney/Mountain Shadows
The Commission received a second anonymous written complaint (original complaint/letter received in 2015), dated 11/27/17. The Commission noted the 2015 letter and photographs were forwarded to NHDES for investigation and, Mike Phelps contacted Fenton Varney following receipt of the 2015 letter and was informed by Mr. Varney that he was in the process of submitting an application to NHDES. In addition, Steve Wingate wrote a letter to NHDES regarding the matter and the Commission requested a status update from NHDES however, NHDES never responded to the Commission (to the 2015 complaint). The 11/27/17 letter states that no work has been done to the area to correct the wetland violation and further wetland violations have occurred. The letter requests involvement and a site walk by NHDES. Steve Wingate requested Staff forward the letter of complaint, photographs and a follow-up letter to NHDES. The Commission noted that they have no enforcement authority rather, NHDES is the enforcement agency.

Mark Howard arrived at 7:42 PM.

V. Old Business

Joan Gale Conservation Easement Deed

The BOS signed such on 12/11/17.

Master Plan

Staff informed the Commission that Mike Izard is leaving LRPC and Susan Slack would be working with the Planning Board on the Master Plan update.

Rick Van de Poll Contracted Services

Staff reviewed the proposed contract for 2017/2018 services; noting she is awaiting Mr. Van de Poll's signature. She stated Mr. Van de Poll will be submitting an invoice in the amount of \$500 prior to year-end.

Libby Park

Steve Wingate stated he reported to the BOS regarding the Commission's position on such. He stated Gene Kelley read a letter from the MLPA stating the proposal would cause environmental impacts and would impact abutters therefore, the MLPA cannot support the project.

Nancy Piper asked if Chip Albee recused himself.

Lloyd Wood replied yes and noted the BOS tabled a decision on the matter.

Nancy Byrd read a letter from Dusty Davies who recommends the matter be deferred until summer when the abutters, MLPA members and heirs of the original beneficiaries are present.

Steve Wingate stated it is the pervue of the BOS to defer the matter; noting the Commission's role is to review the proposal and make a recommendation to the BOS which the Commission has done.

VI. New Business

- Saving Special Places scheduled for 4/7/18 at Prospect Mountain High School, Alton
- Water & Watershed Conference scheduled for 3/23/18 at Plymouth State University
- Farm & Forest Workshop scheduled for 2/2 & 2/3/18 at the Radisson, Manchester

VII. Non-Public Session

N/A

It was moved by Nancy Piper and seconded by Mike Phelps to adjourn the December 18, 2017 Tuftonboro Conservation Commission meeting. All members voted in favor.

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 8:34 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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