

**TOWN OF TUFTONBORO
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
September 17, 2018
MINUTES**

Members Present: Steve Wingate, Chairman, Lloyd Wood, Selectman's Representative, Larry Gil, Mark Howard, Ray Everest, Members.

Members Absent: Mike Phelps, Vice-Chairman, Kate Nesbit, Member.

Staff Present: Lee Ann Hendrickson, Administrative Secretary.

Chairman Wingate opened the meeting at 6:34 PM.

I. Consideration of Minutes

August 20, 2018

Corrections:

Page 2, 5th paragraph; change "located" to "secured"

Page 2, Harvest Lane Sand Migration; change "Jim Bean" to "Dave Ladd" & add "annually" to the end of the sentence.

It was moved by Larry Gil and seconded by Ray Everest to approve the August 20, 2018 Tuftonboro Conservation Commission minutes as amended. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

II. Discussion Items

A. 2019 Budget

Steve Wingate recommended the Commission join Lakes Region Conservation Trust as a member.

Mark Howard stated there is an opportunity to get a LiDAR layer (2' elevation data) for the Town maps from NH Granit for \$150.

It was moved by Larry Gil and seconded by Mark Howard to authorize the expenditure of up to \$200.00 NH Granit for the implementation of a LiDAR layer for the Town's tax maps. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

Steve Wingate stated that if there are remaining funds by year end, the funds would be encumbered.

Lloyd Wood stated a contractual obligation and a vote of the Commission is required to encumber funds.

The Commission discussed an environmental study of Nineteen Mile Brook.

Larry Gil volunteered to contact Normandeau Associates and ask them to review the original survey and determine which areas would be best to re-sample.

Relative to well testing, Steve Wingate stated there is a population that feels they cannot afford the testing. He stated the BOS recommended improved marketing of the program; noting additional advertising is necessary. Relative to the Great Meadow, he stated he submitted a three phased CIP project as follows; Phase I (2019, \$6,000): construct parking area, construct opening to trail and install a gate, Phase II (2020, \$4,402): invasive species treatment/management and trail construction and Phase III (2021, \$1,158): construct observation platform. He showed the Commission the proposed trail.

Matt Howard stated the Tuftonboro Association proposed a kiosk at the Great Meadow.

Steve Wingate recommended creating a new line in the budget titled “Great Meadow Construction”.

Lloyd Wood stated the observation platform at Copps Pond is in serious need of repair and asked if it is similar to the platform proposed for the Great Meadow.

Steve Wingate stated the proposal for the platform at the Great Meadow is larger.

Lloyd Wood asked if the platform at Copps Pond would fall under the Commission’s budget.

Steve Wingate replied yes.

Lloyd Wood stated Jack Parsons could have a carpenter repair the platform. Referencing Japanese Knotwood, he stated Jim Bean did not get the permits to treat such and recommended the Commission hire someone else to do it.

Steve Wingate recommended the BOS add a line item in the Road Agent’s budget to hire a consultant to do the surveying, permitting and application for invasive species; noting foresters typically are licensed applicators.

The Commission agreed to the following budget for 2019;

- Dues; \$400 + LRCT membership dues (Staff to contact LRCT for cost of dues)
- Water Monitoring; \$2,500 (level funded)
- Publications & Conferences; \$1,400 (level funded)
- Postage & Supplies; \$500 (level funded) – possible coding error for year to date expenditure
- Administrative Assistant; \$5,000 + 2.7 % COLA and merit increase (TBD)
- Miscellaneous; \$500 (level funded)
- Acquisitions & Monitoring; \$5,000 (level funded)
- Environmental Study 19 Mile Brook; \$400 (level funded)
- Mileage & Inspection Expenses \$500 (level funded)
- Well Water Testing; \$300 (level funded)

B. Trail Maintenance

Steve Wingate stated two additional trees have fallen on the Chandler Trail and it’s been noted that the boundary marking on the trail near Copps Pond is weak. He stated he has requested boundary markers from Gina Lessard and Ian Whitmore and Anne Vinnecombe have volunteered to address the issues. He recommended an article be written thanking them for their efforts and identifying access to the trail.

C. Cow Island (Conservation Easement)

Steve Wingate stated he received additional emails relative to the conservation easement on Cow Island. He stated the Island Association has scheduled their annual meeting for 10/6/18; noting Don Berry will be discussing conservation easements. He noted Ray Everest and he would be attending the meeting.

Ray Everest asked if all the Selectmen would be attending.

Lloyd Wood replied yes.

Ray Everest stated there needs to be some type of public awareness to the Tuftonboro residents.

Steve Wingate stated he is writing an article for the Tuftonboro Times.

D. Mirror Lake Protective Association Report

Larry Gil stated MLPA hired Don Kretchmer to sample Mirror Lake; noting a sample was taken in August and others are scheduled for September, October and winter. He noted UNH would be analyzing the samples. He stated a phone conference took place on land acquisition (Hersey property).

III. NH DES Applications

Johnny & Lori Speir

216 Cow Island

TM #25-2-216

New Standard Dredge & Fill application proposing to install a finger dock hinged to a rock and construct a 14'x6' walkway and 6'x8' staircase to the top of the embankment. Reviewed by Steve Wingate; no objection to the application.

Melvin Sands Realty Trust II

19 Brewster Road

TM #14-3-21

New Permit By Notification application proposing repair of the breakwater (jetty). Reviewed by Steve Wingate; no objection to the application.

David & Maria Gallagher/#2018-02221

314 Governor Wentworth Highway

TM #28-1-43

The applicant received a NHDES Request For More Information.

Gerry & Joanne Maughan/#2018-02255

268 Governor Wentworth Highway

TM #40-5-18

NHDES approved Standard Dredge & Fill application to install a U-shaped seasonal crank up dock with two 6'x40' finger piers and 6'x12' connecting walkway and install a seasonal canopy, two PWC lifts and one seasonal boatlift.

John R. Evasius and Stacy Lee Evasius Living Trust

270 Governor Wentworth Highway

TM #27-1-10

New Minimum Impact Expedited to repair stone retaining wall in-kind within shoreline. Reviewed by Steve Wingate; no objection.

IV. Correspondence

- NHACC Annual Meeting; November 3rd @ Pembroke Academy
- Cow Island letters; Steve Wingate reviewed such (see attached)

V. Old Business

Old Home Weekend

Steve Wingate stated 53 people participated in the scavenger hunt.

Landfill Test Results

Larry Gil stated he contacted Normandeau Associates however, they do not have a hydrologist on staff and was referred to Sanborn Head; noting Chip Crocetti, Senior Vice-President, agreed to come out to the site at no charge.

Lloyd Wood stated there is a need for intermediate testing and a warrant article to put out to bid so that there is a figure dedicated to the issue of the seep.

Moultonborough Bay and Winter Harbor Watershed Plan

Steve Wingate stated the contractor has not yet started because NHDES is not satisfied with the plan. He stated the Moultonborough Bay and Winter Harbor Watershed Committee oversees the contractor.

Lloyd Wood asked if the Committee is an adhoc committee or a subcommittee of the Conservation Commission.

Steve Wingate stated the Committee is managed by the Lake Winnepesaukee Association.

Lloyd Wood asked whether the BOS needs to support the operations of the Committee.

Steve Wingate stated the Committee currently is not a Town committee however, once the plan is completed there could be a multi-town committee established, similar to the Milfoil Committee.

Pleasant Mountain

Lloyd would questioned the status of such.

Steve Wingate stated the owners (Chip and Alana Albee) have received an appraisal of the property.

VI. New Business

Land Bank of Wolfeboro Tuftonboro

Steve Wingate stated he attended the Land Bank meeting today; noting the Wolfeboro Conservation Commission has constructed a new bike trail at Willey Brook. He stated the Land Bank would participate in matching funds, if needed, for the Great Meadow.

Emerald Ash Borer

Steve Wingate stated such has been sighted in Tuftonboro.

VII. Non-Public Session

N/A

It was moved by Mark Howard and seconded by Larry Gil to adjourn the September 17, 2018 Tuftonboro Conservation Commission meeting. All members voted in favor.

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 8:24 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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