

**TOWN OF TUFTONBORO
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
November 19, 2018
MINUTES**

Members Present: Steve Wingate, Chairman, Mike Phelps, Vice-Chairman (arrived late), Lloyd Wood, Selectman's Representative, Larry Gil, Kate Nesbit, Ray Everest, Members.

Member Absent: Mark Howard, Member.

Staff Absent: Lee Ann Hendrickson, Administrative Secretary.

Chairman Wingate opened the meeting at 6:30 PM.

**I. Consideration of Minutes
October 15, 2018**

It was moved by Larry Gil and seconded by Kate Nesbit to approve the October 15, 2018 Tuftonboro Conservation Commission minutes as submitted. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

II. Discussion Items

A. Great Meadow Grant Funding

Steve Wingate announced that the TCC has been approved for grant funding by both the ARM Fund \$72,500 and LCHIP \$76,500 to acquire 140 acres in the Great Meadow. LCHIP asks us not to announce the grant to the public until after the official grants are dispersed some time early in December to be announced. They anticipate that the grants will be dispersed by Governor Sununu and we are all invited.

Steve said that the LCHIP grant was slightly underfunded and we have not reached a final figure for the purchase of one lot, so he is uncertain about the final budget for the purchases. Wolfboro/Tuftonboro Land Bank has made a commitment to help and we still have options in the 2018 budget and 2019 budget request plus the balance of the conservation fund. Steve will meet with the Selectmen to discuss budgeting options.

B. Nineteen Mile Brook Baseline Study

Steve and Larry met with 2 representatives of Normandeau Associates and the Selectmen on 11/6 to discuss remeasuring Nineteen Mile Brook using the same criteria as the original from 2008 to see if there are changes due to the Wolfboro RIB. Normandeau suggested doing a check of all the permits issued, data collected and other available information first as a separate contract. After that, they would be in a better position to recommend what items to resurvey and what might not be repeated because current data already exists. The selectmen agreed and voted unanimously to fund the data review this year. They will look at the 2018 budget to find the funding. The TCC surplus may be an option or we may need it to pay costs for the land transfer.

C. Cheney Farm Conservation Easement

Mike Phelps reported that the reason he was late is that Jasmine Gagney, the current resident of the farm kept him engaged on the phone too long. He said that he had called to make an appointment to carry out the annual easement inspection. He said that one of the owners is residing in Florida and the other just moved to a nursing home. Jasmine is considering purchasing the farm from them. She has questions concerning restrictions under the easement. Mike made an appointment for next week to do an annual inspection and answer questions.

D. Mirror Lake Protective Association Report

Larry and Steve reported on a meeting they had with MLPA officers and some of the members interested in conservation of properties around the lake that would help preserve water quality. Steve informed them that the TCC would be willing to help but could not contribute funds for land purchases as we are already fully committed to projects in the Great Meadow. They said that they did not want to get into fund raising and acquisition of properties but wanted to work toward donated conservation easements. Steve recommended that one thing we could do together first would be to produce a conservation plan. That would determine the opportunities and establish priorities. MLPA offered a volunteer to develop ownership and resource maps for the plan.

III. NH DES Applications

Robert B. Bennett Trust/#2018-4 Governor Wentworth Highway TM #63-1-20

New Standard Dredge & Fill application to construct a seasonal canopy on an approved dock (NHDES Permit #2017-03428). The Commission noted no objection.

IV. Correspondence

- Emails announcing the awards from LCHIP and ARM Fund;
- Carroll County Conservation District; received invitation from Board of Directors to join (Steve plans to attend a meeting to get a sense for their activities and if joining the board could have a positive effect on conservation in Tuftonboro. Ray also expressed interest. Steve agreed to include Ray in the contact.)

V. Old Business

Moultonborough Bay and Winter Harbor Watershed Plan Committee

Steve reported on the last Moultonborough Bay Watershed Plan Committee held 11/13. The contractor demonstrated how some of the data collected by volunteers would be used and answered questions about the process. Steve is working with parks and Rec. on plans to maintain and improve the town beach. Steve reported to the Selectmen that grants could be available to help pay for the improvements if we apply after the Watershed plan has been completed which could take another 1 ½ years plus a year for the application process. The Selectmen felt that, that would be too long to wait. A final plan by White Mountain Survey is pending. Steve also asked if we could be informed of any planned road improvements including drainage or culvert replacement. This could be an opportunity make other water quality improvements.

Landfill Test Results

Larry Gil reported on progress to test and evaluate the old landfill leakage. Larry reported that the selectmen agreed to sign a contract with the engineering firm of Sanborn Head to analyze currently available data and recommend possible further testing or management activities relative to the leakage.

VI. New Business

N/A

VII. Non-Public Session

N/A

It was moved by Kate Nesbit and seconded by Larry Gil to adjourn the November 19, 2018 Tuftonboro Conservation Commission meeting. All members voted in favor.

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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