

**TOWN OF TUFTONBORO
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
February 18, 2019
MINUTES**

Members Present: Chairman Steve Wingate, Vice Chairman Mike Phelps, Members Larry Gill, Ray Everest and Kate Nesbit, Selectman's Representative Lloyd Wood

Visitors: Kathleen Murphy and Laurel Podsen

Members Absent: Member Mark Howard

Staff Present: Linda Bean, Administrative Secretary

Chairman Wingate opened the meeting at 6:33 PM.

I. Consideration of Minutes

February 07, 2019

Corrections: There were no corrections

January 21, 2019

Corrections: Under Status of NHDES Dredge & Fill Applications

- Item #3: Strike "Mirror Lake CC" and add "Mirror Lake Protective Assoc Sub-committee" also add GWH, Mirror Lake, 40-4-4 map number
- Item #4: Strike "abuts"

It was moved by Larry Gil and seconded by Kate Nesbit to approve the February 07, 2018 Tuftonboro Conservation Commission minutes as written. Ray Everest moved and Kate Nesbit seconded to accept the January 21, 2019 Tuftonboro Conservation Commission minutes with amendments., all members voted in favor. The motion passed.

II. Discussion Items

A. New Members

Members introduced themselves to the visitors and added a little personal history. Lloyd Wood explained the process of becoming a member of the Tuftonboro Conservation Commission.

B. Land Use Change Tax Warrant

Steve Wingate summarized the 02/07/19 meeting on the Land Use Change Tax Warrant. Votes were unanimous to move forward with this article. He explained that this article needs to be voted on by the town at the Town Meeting.

C. Great Meadow

Title Issue

Steve Wingate explained a little of the history regarding the purchase of the land in the Great Meadow. The title issue that the Conservation Commission was previously dealing with appears to be resolved. Lakes Region Conservation Trust will eventually hold conservation easements on the property. Rick Van de Poll is working on the final report. He has to review the easement requirements for both the Aquatic Resources Mitigation and LCHIP to insure the LRCT language is compatible. Currently the land is in the process of being surveyed. Also, we will need to have a public hearing and the selectmen have to accept the grant funds and approve the purchase of the properties.

Trail

Ray Everest has been working with Steve Wingate and Mark Howard on plans for a trail system for the public. The Tuftonboro Association has offered to fund up to \$6,000 for a trail head parking area, Kiosk and trail work. Steve Wingate has a first draft for the trail system. He feels that the completion of these trails could be spread over a three-year-period. The biggest hurdle is the parking lot. Lloyd Wood mentioned he had taken a course at the Lakes Region Planning on PGA (Processed Glass Aggravate) which could save the Commission money on the parking lot area as it is free for the taking.

III. Status of NH Dredge & Fill Applications

1. James D. Gammon Jr.

The NHDES has determined that additional information is needed to clarify and complete the application. The property is located on Basin Drive on Tax Map 51-2-4.

IV. Correspondence

None

V. Old Business

A. Tuftonboro Landfill- Preliminary Hydrogeological Study

Larry Gil submitted a memo (which is attached to the minutes of 02/07/19) for review. He explained that some time ago the Town of Tuftonboro hired Stantec Engineering to do periodic monitoring of the area around the old landfill. This seepage has been going on for decades. Larry felt that as science studies advance, new chemicals like PFC's are being found and perhaps another study may be in order. The Selectmen hired Sanborn Head to provide a second opinion. They concluded that the amount of pollutants is probably not significant and that they are probably precipitating out at the wetland. Lloyd Wood mentioned that there is a very good front page article in the Granite State News explaining this in much more detail.

B. Nineteen Mile Brook

Steve Wingate explained there was a study done about 10 years ago to monitor the current condition of Nineteen Mile Brook before treated affluent was released by the Town of Wolfeboro at the RIB site. Because 10 years have passed it would be a good time to redo the study to see what affects the affluent may be having on the brook. Currently the Town of Wolfeboro has another three years left on the permit. Normandeau & Assoc reviewed the study and met with the Selectmen to report their recommendations. There will be a warrant article on the Town Warrant for Forty-Five Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy Dollars (\$45,870.00) for a 19-Mile Brook Updated Baseline Study.

C. Cow Island

Steve Wingate explained that the town owns most of the center of the north half of the Island. TCC consulted with the abutters some time ago to hear their feelings toward future trails. The Island Assoc wanted TCC to report on their findings and asked Steve to write an article for their paper.

D. Maps from DES

Lloyd Wood stated that the selectmen received maps for the Town Beach from the NHDES showing the wetlands etc. Also work is going ahead on Lake Street up by the Church where the town did the boat ramp last year.

Union Wharf docks are a project for later consideration. Steve stated that the Park & Rec had requested that Tuftonboro Conservation Commission help rebuild the beach.

VI. New Business

A. 02/21 Conservation Easement Tax Deduction

The US Senate passed a bill that will make the Federal Income Tax Deduction for donating a conservation easement permanent. This would make it unnecessary to reauthorize the Federal Tax Deduction every year.

B. 03/15 NH Water & Watershed Conference

Steve Wingate wanted to see who wanted to sign up for classes. It was decided that each member would sign up on their own and submit a receipt to the town for reimbursement.

C. 03/22 Dartmouth Arsenic Consortium

Larry Gil and Steve Wingate are going to attend.

D. 04/06 Saving Special Places

Will be held in Alton NH and the key note speaker is Jamie French. There are 30 different sessions to choose from. Everyone needs to decide who wants to go by our next meeting.

E. Easements

TCC will be surveying the Parkhurst and Bentley easements this month. Steve Wingate will coordinate the time and date with those who want to participate.

F. Letter from Libby Museum

Lloyd Wood mentioned that about two weeks ago the Selectmen received a letter from Libby Museum. They are going to again have a couple of tours on the adjacent town lot and they asked if they could remove a rusty barrel from the site.

G. New members

Steve Wingate moved that Kathleen Murphy and Laurel Podsun be recommended to the Selectmen as new members of the TCC. Kathleen will be the voting member and Laurel will be an alternate. Kate Nesbit seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

It was moved by Mike Phelps and seconded by Kate Nesbit to adjourn the February 18, 2019 Tuftonboro Conservation Commission meeting. All members voted in favor. Motion carried.

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Bean