

**TOWN OF TUFTONBORO
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
February 20, 2017
MINUTES**

Members Present: Steve Wingate, Chairman, Lloyd Wood, Selectman's Representative, Nancy Byrd, Mark Howard, Kate Nesbit, Nancy Piper, Members, Ray Everest, Alternate.

Members Absent: Mike Phelps, Vice-Chairman, Larry Gil, Member.

Staff Present: Lee Ann Keathley, Administrative Secretary.

Chairman Wingate opened the meeting at 6:37 PM.

Chairman Wingate appointed Ray Everest, Alternate, to sit in for Mike Phelps, Member.

**I. Consideration of Minutes
December 19, 2016**

It was moved by Larry Gil and seconded by Nancy Piper to approve the December 19, 2016 Tuftonboro Conservation Commission minutes as submitted. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

January 16, 2017

It was moved by Nancy Piper and seconded by Ray Everest to approve the January 16, 2017 Tuftonboro Conservation Commission minutes as submitted. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

II. Discussion Items

A. NHACC Membership Dues

It was moved by Mark Howard and seconded by Nancy Byrd to renew the Commission's NHACC Membership Dues. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

B. Mapping Transportation Destinations

Staff distributed the draft document to the Commission for review.

C. Trail Finder Program

Mark Howard stated UNH is spearheading such; noting the program includes trail mapping on cell phones and the data would then be transferred to the Statewide program. He stated a workshop on the program is scheduled for 2/28/17 at Hubbard Brook, North Woodstock, NH.

D. Landowner Permission Letters

Steve Wingate stated Mike Phelps provided him a signed permission letter from an abutter to the Great Meadow property to conduct a habitat inventory of their property.

E. Land Conservation Public Education Efforts

The Commission discussed potential opportunities for such at Old Home Day and/or the Town Picnic which included cardboard boat race, birdhouse construction, scavenger hunt, nature walk and games.

F. Master Plan Cultural and Historic Resources Chapter

The Commission reviewed the draft chapter and agreed to forward such to the Planning Board for review.

It was moved by Nancy Byrd and seconded by Nancy Piper to forward the draft Master Plan Cultural and Historic Resources Chapter to the Planning Board. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

The Commission agreed to include forestry and a conservation plan in the Natural Resources Chapter.

G. Mirror Lake Protective Association Report

Larry Gil stated the Lakes Association is seeking 2017 Lake Host grants.

III. NH DES Applications

**Nancy H. DePorter
29 Little Bear Island
TM #25-1-27**

New Permit By Notification application to add one seasonal boatlift adjacent to an existing grandfathered floating dock. Reviewed by Mike Phelps; no objection.

**Jeanne Ormrod
54 Bixby Shores Road
TM #39-2-1**

New Permit By Notification to repair an existing rock/mortar wall at the shore and replace a concrete/rock/mortar patio with adjacent rock wall to rear with steps. Reviewed by Steve Wingate; no objection.

**Donald & Lisa Hirbour
468 Governor Wentworth Highway
TM #14-1-28 & 29**

New Standard Dredge & Fill application to perform maintenance dredging for existing slips (19.5 cubic yards of material to be removed) and rework existing wall within the owner's property to accommodate a greater boatslip depth. Reviewed by Larry Gil; no objection.

**Joe Pellegrino/Double J. Lodge, LLC
268 Governor Wentworth Highway
TM #27-1-7**

New Standard Dredge & Fill application to install a 28' steel header attached to the existing shoreline stone to support two 6'x40' aluminum seasonal crank up docks with a 6'x16' crosswalk in a U-shaped configuration with wooden stairs as an egress to the upper bank and using two existing trees as lift points to support the seasonal docks during the winter months. No objection.

**Mueller Family Trust
2 Loon Point
TM #2-1-73**

New Standard Dredge & Fill application for an after-the-fact minor impact wetland permit; noting that two rocks were moved from the sea plane launch area where they caused a potential hazard for utilization of the ramp. However, the rocks began to shift upwards, resulting in the rocks protruding from the water. The rocks were picked up and moved so that they would not pose a safety threat. No objection.

IV. Correspondence

- Saving Special Places; 4/8/17
- Water & Watershed Conference; 3/24/17

V. New Business

Steve Wingate stated he spoke with Steve Berry; noting Mr. Berry informed him a Conservation Commission sign was recently nailed to a tree on his property; noting that Mr. Berry doesn't appreciate such. He stated Mr. Berry expressed concern regarding the Great Meadow hikes however, he informed Mr. Berry of the location of the hikes; noting the hikes were not near his property. He stated Mr. Berry noted he is pleased with the Commission's efforts regarding the Great Meadow. He asked whether any of the Commission members were aware of/had knowledge of the sign.

The members replied no.

Steve Wingate stated he would contact Mr. Berry and request the sign be removed.

Dartmouth Toxic Metals Committee

Steve Wingate stated a teleconference is scheduled for 3/8/17, 1-2:30 PM.

Nancy Byrd and Nancy Piper expressed interest in participating in such.

Farm & Forest

Steve Wingate stated he attended the workshop and reviewed such.

BOS Meeting

Steve Wingate stated he intends to attend the next BOS meeting to discuss the survey being conducted by Lakes Region Planning Commission in addition to his ideas of how government officials should speak to citizens.

Trail Building

Tuftonboro Association has offered assistance with trail construction; trails need to be located.

Invasive Species Treatment

Steve Wingate stated he has spoken with Jim Bean regarding such; noting Mr. Bean is willing to assist with such.

Well Water Testing Initiative

Nancy Piper questioned whether the Commission should hold its annual Well Water Testing Initiative; noting once a program is established that typically the program is held every 3-5 years.

Lloyd Wood recommended contacting the State for guidance.

Social Networking

Ray Everest informed the Commission that with the assistance of Mark Howard a separate Conservation Commission webpage is being developed.

VI. Old Business

- Lloyd Wood stated the BOS approved a culvert study.
- Cow Island inventory; to be conducted in the spring
- Mapping at Fire Station not yet completed

Parkhurst Bentley Property Monitoring

Mark Howard & Steve Wingate will schedule the monitoring of the Parkhurst Bentley property.

Lloyd Wood stated per the 12/19/17 Conservation Commission minutes, the boundary may need to be refreshed and questioned whether such would be reviewed.

Steve Wingate replied yes.

Granite State News; Our Town

Steve Wingate requested a Commission member volunteer to participate in an interview by WASR.

Nancy Piper recommended the interview occur closer to Old Home Day.

VII. Non-Public Session

It was moved by Kate Nesbit and seconded by Nancy Piper to enter non-public session at 8:22 PM to consider the acquisition of real property (RSA 91-A:3,II(d)). Roll call vote; Steve Wingate-yes, Lloyd Wood-yes, Mark Howard-yes, Kate Nesbit-yes, Nancy Piper-yes, Ray Everest-yes, Nancy Byrd-yes. The motion passed.

The Board re-entered public session at 8:33 PM.

It was moved by Lloyd Wood and seconded by Kate Nesbit to seal the February 20, 2017 Tuftonboro Conservation Commission Non-public Meeting minutes. Roll call vote; Steve Wingate-yes, Lloyd Wood-yes, Mark Howard-yes, Kate Nesbit-yes, Nancy Piper-yes, Ray Everest-yes, Nancy Byrd-yes. The motion passed.

Chairman Wingate stated the nonpublic session minutes of February 20, 2017 were sealed by a 2/3 vote as required by law.

It was moved by Nancy Byrd and seconded by Kate Nesbit to adjourn the February 20, 2016 Tuftonboro Conservation Commission meeting. All members voted in favor.

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 8:38 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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