

**TOWN OF TUFTONBORO  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

240 Middle Road  
Ctr. Tuftonboro, NH 03816

Meeting Minutes  
July 20, 2020

Because of Covid-19 the 07/20/20 meeting was held via GoToMeeting. The following people attended the meeting and were identified by roll call.

**Members present:** Chairman, Steve Wingate; Larry Gil, Laurel Podsen, Stephen Scapicchio, Mark Howard, Kate Nesbit and Alternate Heather Brown.

**Members absent:** Vice Chairman, Mike Phelps; Selectman's Representative, Lloyd Wood

Chairman Steve Wingate called meeting to order at 6:38pm

**I) Consideration of meetings**

May 18, 2020

**Larry Gil moved and Kate Nesbit seconded to accept the minutes as written. Roll call vote as follows: Steve Wingate-yes, Stephen Scapicchio-yes, Laurel Podsen-yes, Larry Gil-yes, Kate Nesbit-yes, Heather Brown-yes, Mark Howard-yes. Vote was unanimous, motion passed.**

**II) Discussion Items**

**Great Meadow**

**a) Acquisition Progress**

- Steve said that the process was complete. He also told everyone the Rick Van de Poll has been very generous with his time on this project. He has not charged us for a lot of the extra time. The trail permit has now been accepted by the State. Other things we may need to address would be a Management Plan, and the road that goes into the GM which is also a snowmobile trail. We may need to close this off with a gate and give keys to the landowners that border the GM. These things are just some things to think about.

**b) Trail Progress**

- Steve said that we couldn't start the construction of the trail due to Covid-19. He fixed the glitch on the permit. It was on the USGS map. Steve also took an online course with UNH on "How to Organize Outdoor Work Under Covid Conditions". He is now certified. He also went to A&B Lumber to see about fasteners and pressure treated lumber. This lumber is not available at the moment. He will put in an order which will be filled when they see their inventory increase.

**c) Historical Talk**

- Steve also let everyone know that the Historical Society decided that they wanted to learn more about the GM. So, Rick Van de Poll, ecologist and naturalist, will give a hiking tour of the GM trail on July 22<sup>nd</sup> at 2pm. He will also give a talk on the history of the GM that night at 7pm at the Historical Society Museum in Melvin Village. Everyone is invited.

**d) Future Projects & Funding**

- Steve said that we have about \$4000 in our acquisition fund. He proposed that the TCC spend this on Rick Van de Poll for two future projects. If everyone would like to discuss these projects, we will have to enter into a Non-Public Session.

**Larry Gil moved that we enter into a Non-Public Session, Steve Wingate seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Mark Howard-yes, Heather Brown-yes, Stephen Scapicchio-yes, Kate Nesbit-yes, Laurel Podsen-yes, Larry Gil-yes and Steve Wingate-yes, vote was unanimous. TCC entered in Non-Public at 7:00pm.**

**e) Budget Review**

- Kate reviewed the budget. Steve pointed out that we have \$500 in the budget for Nineteen Mile Brook. He asked the members to try to think of ways to use these funds. FB Environmental is working on the watershed plan. Maybe we could ask them to do a little more in the way of analyzing information. Larry said that was a very good idea. Steve said to give this some thought and we will discuss it at the next meeting. Steve also brought up the money that is in the budget for Publication and Conferences. There probably won't be a conference anytime soon. So, we need to think of a good use for this money. Maybe get some written material to put in the library. If there are any webinars out there that would be useful, please let Steve know.

**III) Status of Dredge & Fill Applications**

**a) See attached.**

- Steve said that he has been doing most of the necessary inspections and would like to get the other members more involved. Heather, Stephen and Laurel would be interested with some training. Mark, Kate and Larry said that they would help. Steve will train Stephen; Mark will train Heather and Larry will train Laurel.

**IV) Correspondence**

**a) Lake Winnepesaukee Assoc**

- Seeking Contributions

**V) Old Business**

**a) Mirror Lake Conservation**

- Steve said that there is nothing new to report on this front. He spoke with Kip Lachner and asked if he had heard from NRCS, he has not. The office position from where the decision would come, is still vacant.

**b) Cheney Farm**

- Steve said that Stephen Scapicchio wrote a great article about the change of ownership and the new owners. It will be the lead article on the front page of the Tuftonboro Times and will also be in the GSN.

**c) Watershed**

- Steve said that it is probably in the final stages. They are working on the input that the Commission gave them as to how to display the information and priorities. There will be a meeting on the RIB regarding Nineteen Mile Brook at

10am with David Ford to explain how they will address the break outs. Larry said that he will not be able to attend the meeting but David Ford told him that he would give him a tour at a later date. Others are also interested in joining this tour.

**d) Copps Pond**

- Steve said that Ray continues to keep the Facebook page fresh and has added some pictures that were taken by Heather and of the Copps Pond sign.

**e) TCC Membership Renewals**

- Steve reported that all of the members that were up for renewals have completed the sign up. He also reported that Mike Phelps has stepped down from his Vice Chairman position and wishes to be an Alternate. Also, Kathleen Murphy has resigned as a member due to not having the time to devote to the Commission. Steve suggested that we invite Heather to step into a full member of the Commission. Heather said she would accept the position.

**Larry Gil moved to accept Heather Brown as a full member of the TCC, Kate Nesbit seconded. Roll call vote as follows: Steve Wingate-yes, Larry Gil-yes, Stephen Scapicchio-yes, Laurel Podsen-yes, Mark Howard-yes, Kate Nesbit-yes. Vote was unanimous, motion passed.**

**VI) New Business**

**a) Old Home Days**

- Laurel said that it looks like, right now, the Old Home Days will be held as usual. She said that it will look different this year. We will still have the scavenger hunt. It will be on Sunday, August 30<sup>th</sup> in morning before the picnic. She asked for two volunteers to help with the scavenger hunt, to keep the children on the trail and answer any questions. Steve suggested that TCC use the trails that are off the parking lot across from the beach area at the Nineteen Mile Bay for the scavenger hunt. This would move things closer together. Laurel was concerned about safety crossing the road. Steve said that we could have a crossing guard. Laurel asked for help that morning. Stephen said he would be willing to help out. Larry wasn't sure just yet.

**b) Trout in the Classrooms**

- Laurel said that one of the teachers approached her about this program. She believes it is through a partnership between NH Fish & Game and Trout Unlimited. The Green Mountain Conservation Group is a liaison between the two. This program will depend on how school will be held in September. It teaches children about ecosystems, connecting children with their watershed. They would have a tank in their school and would be raising trout from eggs. They monitor water quality, they do habitat studies, conservation ethics etc. If anyone would have an interest in this program let her know. She does not feel she would have the time right now to spear head this program but feels it would be a valuable educational tool. Kate asked for the total cost of the program. Laurel is still trying to find this out. Steve pointed out that the TCC is limited in how the funds can be spent when it is for school programs.

**c) CC Admin Sec Position**

- Steve told the members that the administration secretary will be stepping down from her position. If anyone knows of a good candidate, please let him know.

**d) Historical Society Program**

- Steve announced that the Tuftonboro Historical Society will be meeting on 7/22 to introduce the Great Meadow project. There will be a tour of the planned trail at 2 pm and a presentation by Rick Van de Poll at 7 pm at the Historical Society Barn in Melvin Village. All TCC members are invited as well.

**e) Libby Park**

- Steve explained that in 2017 the director of the Libby Museum wanted to explore the idea of an educational trail, with a boat launch next to the museum on a piece of land that was denoted to Tuftonboro for conservation purposes. At that time the Commission was asked by the Tuftonboro Selectmen to meet with the director. They went out and took a look and agreed that there could be a foot path but they would not be able to do any of the other things they wanted. In the meantime, the Mirror Lake Protective Assoc asked the lawyer that wrote the deed giving the land to Tuftonboro, to respond to what the museum was requesting. He said that they could not even have the foot path. It was tabled at this time. There was an interview in the GSN with the new director of the museum. In the article there was a discussion about renewing the trail idea. Steve met with Catriona Lennon and he gave her the history of the land and the restrictions that are in the deed. She explained that right now she is very busy getting the museum ready and would not be pursuing this project at this time. Steve asked that if this should be something that she decides to pursue in the future that ***she contacts the Tuftonboro Conservation Commission. He also told her that the Tuftonboro Selectmen should approve any proposed activity.*** Steve wrote a report of this meeting and sent copies to the Tuftonboro Selectmen and MLPA. Larry stated, for the record, that he totally agrees with Steve regarding the MLPA involvement.

**f) Election of Officers**

- Steve said that the bylaws state that every July we must elect officers.  
**Kate Nesbit nominated Steve Wingate for Chairman of the Commission. Steve asked if there were any other nominees, there were none. Larry Gil seconded Kate's nomination. Roll call as follows: Kate Nesbit-yes, Larry Gil-yes, Mark Howard-yes, Heather Brown-yes, Laurel Podsen-yes and Stephen Scapicchio-yes. Steve accepted the position.**  
**Steve Wingate nominated Stephen Scapicchio for Vice Chairman. There were no other nominees. Mark Howard seconded Steve's nomination. Roll call as follows: Steve Wingate-yes, Mark Howard-yes, Kate Nesbit-yes, Larry Gil-yes, Heather Brown-yes and Laurel Podsen-yes. Stephen accepted the position.**

**VII) Non- Public Session (if necessary)**

- **Non-Public Session was entered into at 7pm and exited at 7:20pm.**

## **Adjourn**

There being no further business, Larry Gil moved to adjourn the 07/20/20 TCC meeting, Kate Nesbit seconded.

Roll call as follows: Steve Wingate-yes, Mark Howard-yes, Stephen Scapacchio-yes, Laurel Podsen-yes, Larry Gil-yes, Kate Nesbit-yes and Heather Brown-yes. Vote was unanimous. Meeting was adjourned at 7:58pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Administrative Secretary  
Linda Bean

## **STATUS OF DES APPLICATIONS 07/20/20**

### **1. Robin Close**

464 Gov Wentworth Hwy, MAP 14-3-2

Seeking an amendment to permit 2019-02715 issued in Sept 2019. Wants to increase the shed/outdoor kitchen & covered patio area. Install a 704 sq ft permeable patio (not under roof cover). Increase of 273 sq ft to overall impact area.

### **2. Tuftonboro Conservation Commission**

Great Meadow Trail, MAP 30-3-4

Seeking permit for trail in the Great Meadow.

### **3. Peter & Jessie Jakobs**

34 Gov Wentworth Hwy, MAP 63-1-7

Seeks to provide a single family perched beach, replace existing access steps. State received application.

### **4. Carol & John Haran**

9 Westwood Bay, MAP 40-5-4

State has issued permit to repair existing wood frame crib & pile supported dock and access steps.

### **5. Rock Farm Family Trust**

238 Cow Island, MAP 25-2-195

State has approved installation of septic system.

### **6. Janice Williams**

41 Tuftonboro Neck Rd, MAP 51-2-43

Wants to construct an anchor pad on shore to attach a seasonal dock providing two boat slips and a 4' x 100' temporary path/road for construction of the anchoring pad consisting of wood chips & plywood to be installed prior to commencement of work. Received letter from DES stating that the application was incomplete. There were missing signatures. Received letter from applicant with copy of signature page that was sent to the State. Inspected by Steve. State received the subsequent application and is reviewing.

**7. Barvel Whang Assoc**

Route 109, MAP 14-3-46

State has approved request to dredge 793 cubic yds of material from 9989 sq ft of lakebed to restore water depth within boat slips and the navigational channel to an existing community docking facility on Lake Winnepesaukee within the mouth of Copps Brook in Tuftonboro.

**8. Matthew & Deborah Leahy**

48 Bixby Shores Rd, MAP 39-2-4

Rebuild existing walkway including three crib supports in kind, with no change in size, location or configuration. Permanently remove an existing seasonal dock and concrete landing. Install two permanent crib supported piers attached to the existing walkway to create a U-shape configuration. And to install two PWC lifts and a single seasonal boat lift. Steve will inspect. State received application.