

TOWN OF TUFTONBORO
CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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MEETING MINUTES
April 18, 2022

Present: Chairman Stephen Scapicchio, Vice Chairman Steven Wingate, Larry Gil, Kate Nesbit, Guy Pike, Laurel Podsen, Lynne Walsh. Staff: Jane Lemire.

Absent: Heather Brown, Mark Howard, Michael Phelps.

Call to Order: Chairman Scapicchio called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

I. Consideration of Minutes

A. March 21, 2022

A motion to accept the Minutes of March 21, 2022 as presented was made by Ms. Walsh and seconded by Vice Chairman Wingate. Motion passed unanimous.

II. Geologist Presentation

NH State geologist Shane Csiki and geologist John Brooks gave a presentation of the work they have done through a program run by the U.S. Geological Survey. They are working on a state-wide geological mapping (bedrock and surficial mapping) to identify future hazards. They presented their geology mapping of Tuftonboro, the northern portion of town up towards Ossipee. The surficial mapping includes glacial deposits; as deposits develop when glaciers recede and water flows. This mapping is beneficial to municipalities as well as other groups. They are open to suggestions for any applications the commission may want to see in the future. In addition, they shared information on their mapping of Lake Winnepesaukee. They shared their findings and answered questions from the group. Mr. Csiki also mentioned that there is a comprehensive look of data for area wetlands that also displays the mapping of all the old stone walls. The information can be found at NH Stone Wall Mapping at granit.unh.edu.

III. Discussion Items

A. Lyon Lot Update

Chairman Scapicchio reported that the closing should be taking place this week. Originally the closing had been scheduled for April 14th but due to additional liens and an incorrect discharge the closing had to be rescheduled.

B. Water Testing

Ms. Podsen reported that TCCs well water testing will take place this summer with a collection date of July 24, 2022. This year town residents will be asked to email TCC to reserve a kit. This will allow TCC to send out a reminder by email to those who took a kit and ask that they please return them on the due date of July 24th.

C. Earth Day

Ms. Podsen reported that the fourth and fifth graders will participate in an essay contest sponsored by TCC. The due date for the essays is May 6th and there will be two or three winners from each grade. The essays will be judged on effort and creativity. Winners will receive a Country Bookseller gift card as well as an acknowledgement in the Tuftonboro Times. Ms. Podsen also reported that there will be two assemblies at the school on Earth Day, Friday, April 22nd for the students K-3 and 4-6.

IV. **Status of Dredge & Fill Applications**

The status of permit applications was reported by Jane Lemire.

V. **Correspondence – none.**

VI. **Old Business**

A. Nineteen Mile Brook Monitoring

Mr. Gil reported that he will be meeting with FB Environmental on Tuesday, April 19th at 10:00 a.m. as they gather more samples. Mr. Gil would like to have a lagoon sample and will check with the USDA to determine what the cost would be.

B. Great Meadow Trail Progress

Chairman Scapicchio stated that he went out on the trail today and reported that the water level is dropping.

C. Forest Plans

Vice Chairman Wingate reported that a payment is needed for the Forester in the amount of \$5,753.00. A balance of \$1,000.00 will remain until he completes the field review.

A motion to pay the Forester five thousand seven hundred fifty-three dollars (\$5,753.00) was made by Ms. Walsh and seconded by Mr. Pike. All in favor, motion passed unanimous.

VII. **New Business**

A. Ragged Island

Chairman Scapicchio stated that LRCT would like to establish a “no rafting zone” at Ragged Island and asked TCC for our support as we have an easement there. There has been boat rafting/anchoring that has become disruptive in recent years. Chairman Scapicchio asked the group if they would like to support a “no rafting zone” in that area.

A motion to support a “no rafting zone” on Ragged Island be put into place was made by Ms. Walsh and seconded by Vice Chairman Wingate. All in favor, motion passed unanimous.

Chairman Scapicchio stated he will speak to the BOS to let them know the commission supports this.

B. Land Purchase

Chairman Scapicchio stated that Robin Potter and Scott Appleton own a wedge of land at the Route 109 bridge that TCC may be interested in purchasing. The owners have been contacted to see if they would be interested in selling that land to the town. Chairman Scapicchio is awaiting their response.

C. Great Meadow Kiosks Info

Ms. Nesbit handed out a copy of the history of Great Meadow to be displayed at the two kiosks. She stated that at the end of the history she would like to add the names of all individuals/volunteers who helped the Great Meadow Trail come to fruition.

D. Hackl Trails

Ms. Walsh spoke of the 6.5 miles of trails on the land of Ann Hackl at 60 Ledge Hill Road. Ms. Hackl agreed to allow signage at the gate on her property to show the location of the trails. The town has agreed to do the maintenance needed to keep the trails open to the public.

VIII. **Non-Public Session** – none.

IX. **Public Hearing**

A motion to begin the Public Hearing was made by Chairman Scapicchio and seconded by Vice Chairman Wingate. All in favor, motion passed unanimous.

Chairman Scapicchio stated the town's intention to use the Conservation Commission's funds to purchase their portion of land of the Lyon's lot for twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00).

A motion to approve the purchase of a portion of land of the Lyon's lot for twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) was made by Mr. Pike and seconded by Ms. Walsh. All in favor, motion passed unanimous.

Adjourn: There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Vice Chairman Wingate and seconded by Mr. Gil. Motion passed unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted by Jane Lemire, Tuftonboro Conservation Commission Secretary
April 21, 2022*