

TOWN OF TUFTONBORO
CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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MEETING MINUTES

August 15, 2022

Present: Chairman Stephen Scapicchio, Vice Chairman Steven Wingate, Heather Brown, Larry Gil, Guy Pike, Michael Phelps, Lynne Walsh. *Staff:* Jane Lemire.

Absent: Mark Howard, Kate Nesbit, Laurel Podsen.

Call to Order: Chairman Scapicchio called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

I. Consideration of Minutes

A. July 18, 2022

A motion to accept the Minutes of July 18, 2022 as presented was made by Mr. Gil and seconded by Ms. Walsh. All in favor; motion passed unanimous.

A motion to accept the Non-Public Minutes of July 18, 2022 as presented was made by Selectman Pike and seconded by Ms. Brown. All in favor; motion passed unanimous.

II. Discussion Items

A. Veronica Bodge – Moose Mountain Regional Greenways

Chairman Scapicchio stated that Ms. Bodge was unable to attend this evening's meeting and has rescheduled for October.

B. Budget Update

Chairman Scapicchio reported that the budget continues to be stable. At this point we are well under budget as many invoices aren't billed until the end of year. He asked the group if they would approve two donations for \$100 each to the NH Lakes and Moose Mountain. The group approved these two budgeted donations.

Chairman Scapicchio spoke of the great help the electric wheelbarrow has been in getting heavy materials to the Great Meadow work site. He asked the group if they would consider the purchase of a second wheelbarrow as it will help the continued work immensely.

A motion to purchase a second electric wheelbarrow (approximately \$600.00) for work at the Great Meadow Trail was made by Chairman Scapicchio and seconded by Selectman Pike. All in favor, motion passed unanimous.

III. Status of Dredge & Fill Applications

The status of permit applications was reported by Jane Lemire.

IV. Correspondence – None.

V. Old Business

A. Nineteen Mile Brook Monitoring

Mr. Gil reported that he will attend monitoring on Wednesday, August 17th, weather permitting. This sampling will be in conjunction with Wolfeboro where we will split/share these dual samplings.

B. Great Meadow Trail Progress

Chairman Scapicchio reported that all lumber has been brought to the site, holes have been dug and foundation forms built. A 22-bag cement order has been placed with A&B Lumber. Tuftonboro Association is funding this purchase. Work progress is going well, and the platform will be finished this year.

C. Forest Plans

Chairman Scapicchio reported that the plans were submitted last month, and a full copy is filed at the office.

Chairman Scapicchio stated he returned a call to Matt Young who asked about the forest plans. Chairman Scapicchio explained what was done and work that is planned for behind the transfer station. Chairman Scapicchio told him it was up to the Board of Selectmen what will be done.

D. Water Testing

Ms. Podsen will report on this at the September meeting.

VI. New Business

A. Old Home Weekend, August 26-28

Chairman Scapicchio asked the group to contact Ms. Podsen if they are available to volunteer from 10:00am-11:15am in helping folks at the trail. Everyone that explores the trail will be put into a prize drawing which will take place at the picnic.

B. Other

- Vice Chairman Wingate reported he attended the Land Bank meeting today. He stated that Wolfeboro Conservation Commission is looking at property at the Mirror Lake watershed on the Wolfeboro side. There will most likely be a fundraiser to support this purchase.

- Vice Chairman Wingate reported that the Land Bank's chairman approved an offer to be made for Berry Mill at Wolfeboro Falls. The offer of \$975,000 was determined by an independent appraisal. If offer is accepted, it will provide the Land Bank with a little over a year to fundraise. A fundraising committee is already established for this purpose.
- Vice Chairman Wingate reported that Howard Shane, who the Land Bank presently owns an easement from overlooking 19 Mile Bay, owns a Wolfeboro property that he has offered for conservation. Wolfeboro is looking/considering this now.
- Vice Chairman Wingate reported that Muriel Robinette, President of the Island Association and a DES employee, stated there will be a Bottle Bill this year and is seeking other conservation commissions for support.
- Chairman Scapicchio reported he received a call last week about a possible easement at 78 Lang Pond Road. The owner passed and the property is in trust with the owner's son. There are ten acres with thousands of feet of shoreline. However, after speaking with a realtor, the son became aware the land is worth over \$1M which put an end to a possible easement. As trust fiduciary the son needs to look at the trust's best interest. Chairman Scapicchio stated he did offer several options and the son said he would keep him posted.
- Mr. Gil reported he spoke with the chairman of Wolfeboro's Conservation Commission, and they are interested in having a joint meeting in September. Mr. Gil asked the group if anyone would also like to attend. Selectman Pike volunteered to attend. Due to vacation, Chairman Scapicchio is unable to.
- Selectman Pike reported that the Selectmen signed a letter of support for the non-rafting zone at Ragged Island that was sent to LRCT.

VII. Non-Public Session

Motion to enter non-public session made by Vice Chairman Wingate; seconded by Selectman Pike. Per RSA 91-A:3, II(d)

Roll call vote to enter non-public session:

- Chairman Scapicchio - Aye
- Vice Chairman Wingate - Aye
- Heather Brown - Aye
- Larry Gil - Aye
- Selectman Guy Pike - Aye
- Michael Phelps - Aye
- Lynne Walsh - Aye

Motion passed unanimous.

Entered non-public session at 7:31 p.m.

Motion to leave non-public session and return to public session made by Selectman Pike; seconded by Ms. Walsh. All in favor, motion passed unanimous.

Public session reconvened at 7:37 p.m.

Motion to seal minutes made by Selectman Pike; seconded by Ms. Walsh. All in favor, motion passed unanimous.

Roll call vote to seal non-public minutes:

- Chairman Scapicchio - Aye
- Vice Chairman Wingate - Aye
- Heather Brown - Aye
- Larry Gil - Aye
- Selectman Guy Pike - Aye
- Michael Phelps - Aye
- Lynne Walsh - Aye

Adjourn: There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Selectman Pike and seconded by Ms. Brown. Motion passed unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted by Jane Lemire, Tuftonboro Conservation Commission Secretary
August 18, 2022*