

**TOWN OF TUFTONBORO
CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

240 Middle Road
Center Tuftonboro, NH 03816

**MEETING MINUTES
February 15, 2021**

Due to COVID-19, the 2/15/21 meeting was held virtually via GoToMeeting. The following people were present and identified by roll call:

Members present: Chairman Steve Wingate, Vice Chairman Stephen Scapicchio, Members Larry Gil, Heather Brown, Laurel Podsen, Kate Nesbit, Mark Howard

Members not present: Alternate Mike Phelps, Selectmen's Representative Lloyd Wood

Staff present: Jane Lemire

Call to Order: Vice Chairman Scapicchio called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

I. Consideration of Minutes

a. January 18, 2021

Mr. Gil made a motion to accept the Minutes of 1/18/21 with one amendment which will be in bold and italic print. Ms. Nesbit seconded. A roll call vote followed. Motion passed unanimous.

II. Discussion Items

a. Lloyd

A get well card from all TCC members was mailed to Lloyd.

b. Lyons Lot

Vice Chairman Scapicchio stated not much is new. Attorney Sager reached out to Ms. Lyons' attorney for more information. He will also be reaching out to the Selectmen to see where they stand. The land appraised at \$87,000. and with miscellaneous costs and fees of surveyors, etc. the total will be closer to \$100,000. In order to purchase, TCC has set \$20,000. from the budget towards this and are hopeful to receive approximately \$10,000. from the Wolfboro/Tuftonboro Landbank. \$70,000. remains to be raised. The warrant article request is for \$50,000., so we are still left with a shortfall and hope to see if Moose Mountain could fill in the gap.

c. Moose Mountain Greenways

Both Chairman Wingate and Vice Chairman Scapicchio attended a virtual meeting on 2/15/21 and gave an explanation why TCC would like to acquire the Lyons land in hopes they could provide some funding. The reps from Moose Mountain Greenways were interested in our proposal, however, they would need to open up the footprint to include Tuftonboro and their conservation committee would have to approve expending the money to purchase the conservation land.

Chairman Wingate joined the meeting at 7:15pm and reported on his meeting with the committee from Moose Mountain Greenways. He stated that TCC will have to talk with the Selectmen to ask if a purchase and sales agreement from Moose Mountain to cover the rest of the cost would be satisfactory. Moose Mountain does not make payment without a fundraising effort first.

III. Status of Dredge & Fill Applications

No new applications reported. Mr. Gil stated he checked the application for James King, Winter Harbor Way and reported it is a dock they are repairing, a simple project with no foreseen issues.

IV. Correspondence

No new correspondence reported.

V. Old Business

a. Forest Plans

Chairman Wingate reported that TCC has a signed contract and will drop it off at the town office. Part of the agreement is that a draft plan to be written and once the TCC has reviewed it will meet us in the field for questions and answers.

b. Nineteen Mile Brook Monitoring Plan

Chairman Wingate reported that FBE is working with Dave Ford in putting the contract together. They have agreed that FBE is going to pick up a little more of the gauging work and Dave Ford will pay for that out of his budget.

c. Easement Monitoring

Vice Chairman Scapicchio reported that he along with Chairman Wingate, Larry Gil and Mark Howard went to the Chandler Parkhurst property and walked the property line. Mr. Howard stated easement reports are complete.

d. Lawall Easement

No new information.

VI. New Business

a. Saving Special Places

Chairman Wingate reported there will be a remote program on April 9th from 1-4:00pm and April 10th from 9am-12noon. An email will be sent to TCC members if anyone would like to see the agenda and sign up to attend.

b. NAB Conference

Chairman Wingate reported there will be a remote conference on March 3, 5, 9 and 11 and has emailed the commission the brochure. Attendance registration is \$60.00. In addition, the NH Land Trust Association has a session coming up February 18th from 9am -12noon exclusively about siting solar arrays.

c. NH HB-82

Chairman Wingate stated this is a proposal that is in the legislature now. If you want to modify an easement today, by law, it has to be approved by the attorney general's office. The attorney general will not approve a quid quo pro deal. This bill would allow that to happen.

d. Well Water Testing Initiative

Ms. Podsen reported that DES has approved us for fifty samples in July. Since we tested in March last year, we chose July 2021. An exact date has not yet been chosen.

e. TCS Earth Day

Ms. Podsen reported she was asked to do an Earth Day program similar to last year for the students at Tuftonboro Central School. Since it is still not determined whether students will be back in class, it will be a project that the students can do at home.

VII. **Non-Public Session** (if needed)

No non-public session.

Adjourn: There being no further business, Vice Chairman Scapicchio moved to adjourn the February 15, 2021 TCC meeting, seconded by Ms. Nesbit. Roll call vote followed; all were in favor.

*Respectfully submitted by Jane Lemire, Tuftonboro Conservation Commission Secretary
February 17, 2021*