

**TOWN OF TUFTONBORO  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

240 Middle Road  
Center Tuftonboro, NH 03816

**MEETING MINUTES  
May 17, 2021**

Due to COVID-19, the 5/17/21 meeting was held virtually via GoToMeeting. The following people were present and identified by roll call:

Members present: Chairman Steve Wingate, Members: Heather Brown, Larry Gil, Mark Howard, Selectmen's Rep Guy Pike, Laurel Podsen

Members not present: Vice Chairman Stephen Scapicchio, Members: Kate Nesbit, Lynne Walsh, Alternate Michael Phelps

Staff present: Jane Lemire

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

**I. Consideration of Minutes**

a. April 19, 2021

Ms. Podsen made a motion to accept the Minutes of 4/19/21 as presented. Mr. Pike seconded. A roll call vote followed. Motion passed unanimous.

**II. Discussion Items**

a. Town Meeting Results

Chairman Wingate stated it was an interesting debate, and that it appeared at least 80% were in favor. The next step is to contact Attorney Sager and ask him to contact Victoria Lyons' attorney to put together a written agreement. Chairman Wingate also stated that he, Bill Marcussen and Guy Pike took a tour of the property last Thursday, and there were positive comments about trail plans and the Lyons' lot.

b. MMRG/DHPCT Merger

Chairman Wingate reported that the merger has been officially announced which is very good news for Tuftonboro which will now be in the range of MMRG.

c. Great Meadow Trail Developments

Chairman Wingate reported that stumps had been cleared from the entrance road. Lumber was delivered to his home for the building to continue. A volunteer who has carpenter skills reached out to help with the project. Also, Dan Lake offered his front loader/backhoe to move rocks and dig holes for the kiosk.

d. Other

Chairman Wingate asked TCC members their opinion on virtual versus live monthly meetings now that covid guidelines have loosened. After some discussion, a few options were suggested such as meeting outdoors with a possible spot outdoors at 19 Mile Bay Pavilion which would work in case of rain. Chairman Wingate suggested a straw poll to determine how best to proceed.

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

Secretary Ms. Lemire reported the most recent application and status of others.

**IV. Correspondence**

Secretary Ms. Lemire stated that the NH Audubon Society sent a conservation guide on NH's birds. This booklet will be kept at the office for anyone interested.

**V. Old Business**

a. Trail Cameras

No update.

b. Nineteen Mile Brook Monitoring

Mr. Gil stated he was pleased with how well the monitoring has been thus far. There have been excellent connections between Wolfeboro and Woodard & Curran. They have split samples so as to get analysis from two different sources of the water quality.

c. Lawall Easement

No update.

d. LRPC Meeting - LCHIP

Chairman Wingate stated that the LCHIP program was excellent and will check to see if it was recorded so that it can be shared with commission members.

e. Education Programs

Ms. Podsen reported that the Earth Day activities at the school went well. A video on pollination was presented to the students followed by an outdoor activity. The children's project was "Building Pollinator Hotels" which they were able to bring home to hang outdoors. Pictures were taken and once approval is received, some will be posted on TCC's Facebook page. Ms. Podsen also reported that the posters ordered from Fish & Wildlife have not yet arrived, and she will check on the delivery status.

**VI. New Business**

a. Available Recorded Zoom Programs

Chairman Wingate reminded everyone that there are some excellent presentations on conservation and wildlife on Zoom and encouraged members to check it out as there is a lot of relevant material pertaining to what the commission does.

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

None.

**Adjourn:** There being no further business, at 7:00 p.m. Ms. Gil moved to adjourn the May 17, 2021 TCC meeting, seconded by Mr. Pike. Roll call vote followed; all were in favor.

*Respectfully submitted by Jane Lemire, Tuftonboro Conservation Commission Secretary  
May 20, 2021*