

**TOWN OF TUFTONBORO
CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

240 Middle Road
Center Tuftonboro, NH 03816

MEETING MINUTES

June 21, 2021

Present: Chairman Steve Wingate, Vice Chairman Stephen Scapicchio, Members: Heather Brown, Mark Howard, Kate Nesbit, Selectmen's Rep Guy Pike, Michael Phelps, Lynne Walsh

Not present: Members: Larry Gil, Laurel Podsen

Staff present: Jane Lemire

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

I. Consideration of Minutes

a. May 17, 2021

A motion to accept the Minutes of 5/17/21 as presented was made and seconded.
Motion passed unanimous.

II. Discussion Items

a. TCC Meeting Location

Now that the State has lifted COVID restrictions, it was decided that the monthly meeting of the Conservation Commission will once again be held in person at the Town House.

b. Cow Island Hiking Trails

A Cow Island couple requested permission to maintain the Loop Trail by placing diamond markers on the trees, which would be nailed. A water-based paint that had been used fades and does not last. Chairman Wingate stated he spoke to the Selectmen regarding the trail. It was suggested that a trail map be produced and perhaps also assign a steward. The Selectmen questioned how other organizations use stewards in this capacity and S. Wingate will research that and report back to them.

c. Tuftonboro Master Plan Update

The Tuftonboro Master Plan survey has been mailed to all residents and Chairman Wingate encouraged all members to fill it out. There are many questions within the survey that support conservation.

d. Dock Permitting

Chairman Wingate asked members to print out the DES booklet explaining the current issues with dock permitting. It is an excellent resource and will be helpful when doing inspections.

e. TCC Member(s) Reappointment(s)

Lawrence Gil and Mark Howard are both being reappointed to the conservation commission for a three-year term.

f. Public Reports of Environmental Issues

When the conservation commission receives public calls and/or messages regarding something they believe is wrong, we are to advise them to report it to DES who will know if it's a violation. The commission does not have the power of enforcement.

III. Status of Dredge & Fill Applications

The most recent application(s) and status of others was reported.

IV. Correspondence

- Varney Engineering certified letter of 6/15/21 stating intention of the building of a new cottage on Cow Island. A septic system and well are to be installed. A shed is to be constructed. A pathway to the lake and stormwater measures are to be installed. An existing deck is to be removed. A copy of the completed application will be submitted to the town clerk.

V. Old Business

a. Lawall Easement

The Lawall easement agreement was sent to all members for their review. There was some discussion and clarification of wording. Chairman Wingate made one change and sent it to Rick Sager to update. The document will be signed by the owner and witnessed prior to it being presented to the Selectmen. A motion was made and seconded to present the recommended easement document to the Selectmen. A roll call vote followed. Motion passed unanimous.

b. Trail Cameras

It was reported that the trail cameras are working well and are checked every few weeks. Wildlife pictures from the camera are shared on TCC's Facebook page.

c. Nineteen Mile Brook Monitoring

It was reported that L. Gil went on the latest monitoring trip with FBE last week and he stated that they are doing an excellent job.

d. Great Meadow Trail Progress

It was reported that a lot of progress has been made with trail maintenance including brush removal, rock removal and fill of low spots. Three of the planned eight boardwalks has been completed; and the construction of the fourth one will start this week.

e. Forest Plans

There was discussion on a meeting attended by Chairman Wingate and L. Gil regarding forest plans. The commission members were asked to submit their comments to S. Wingate who will compile all commission members' comments/questions and submit them to M. Young. There will be an upcoming site visit for all members, most likely in mid-fall. Contract ends in December 2021.

VI. New Business

a. Old Home Weekend

Old Home Weekend will be on 8/28 and 8/29 with the scavenger hunt on 8/29. This year there will be an additional scavenger hunt added for young children.

b. Annual Election of Officers

To be put on agenda next month.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the public session and enter non-public session. A roll call vote followed; motion passed unanimous.

VII. Non-Public Session

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the non-public session and enter public session, as well as to seal non-public minutes. A roll call vote followed; motion passed unanimous.

Adjourn: There being no further business, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the June 21, 2021 TCC meeting. A roll call vote followed; motion passed unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted by Jane Lemire, Tuftonboro Conservation Commission Secretary
June 23, 2021*