

**TOWN OF TUFTONBORO
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
July 18, 2016
MINUTES**

Members Present: Steve Wingate, Chairman, Mike Phelps, Vice-Chairman, Lloyd Wood, Selectman's Representative, Nancy Byrd, Kate Nesbit, Members.

Members Absent: Mark Howard, Nancy Piper, Larry Gil, Member, Ray Everest, Keith Garrett, Alternates.

Staff Present: Lee Ann Keathley, Secretary.

Other Present: Joan Gale.

Chairman Wingate opened the meeting at 6:44 PM.

I. Consideration of Minutes

June 20, 2016

Correction:

Page 4, insert new 3rd paragraph; include motion to seal the 6/20/16 Nonpublic minutes

It was moved by and seconded by to approve the June 20, 2016 Tuftonboro Conservation Commission minutes as amended. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

June 20, 2016 Nonpublic Minutes

It was moved by Nancy Byrd and seconded by Kate Nesbit to approve the June 20, 2016 Tuftonboro Conservation Commission Nonpublic minutes as submitted. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

It was moved by Kate Nesbit and seconded by Nancy Byrd to unseal the June 20, 2016 Tuftonboro Conservation Commission Nonpublic minutes. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

II. Discussion Items

A. Guest; Joan Gale

Joan Gale stated she would like to protect her land, Tax Map 15-2-15, 5 Gomorrah Way (19.5 acres).

The Commission and Ms. Gale discussed conservation opportunities and provided Ms. Gale examples of two conservation easement deeds.

It was moved by Lloyd Wood and seconded by Nancy Byrd to appoint Kate Nesbit and Mike Phelps as a subcommittee to discuss conservation opportunities for Tax Map 15-2-15. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

B. Keith Garrett Resignation

Steve Wingate stated Keith Garrett has accepted a position at the Mount Washington Observatory and is relocating therefore, Mr. Garrett has submitted his resignation. He stated the BOS appointed Mr. Garrett to the Commission therefore, the resignation should be accepted by the BOS rather than the Commission.

Staff informed the Commission a memorandum regarding such was submitted to the BOS.

Lloyd Wood stated he would recommend a letter of thanks be written.

C. Master Plan Update

The Commission is scheduled to attend the 8/18/16 Planning Board meeting to provide an update regarding the Commission's efforts related to such.

D. Old Home Day

The Commission tabled such.

E. Well Water Testing Initiative

Well Water Testing kits are currently located in the lobby of the Town Offices. Kate Nesbit and Nancy Piper volunteered to collect the kits on 7/24/16 from 8AM-12PM and Mike Phelps and Larry Gil volunteered to collect kits on 7/24/16 from 12PM to 4PM. Steve Wingate volunteered to deliver the kits to NH DES on 7/25/16.

F. Mirror Lake Protective Association Report

Annual Meeting scheduled for 7/23/16 at 12PM at the Town House.

Larry Gil forwarded a memo to the Commission in his absence informing the Commission of the following;

- Participated as Lake Host Manager for Mirror Lake and participated in Weedwatch program
- Attended Invasive Species of NH workshop hosted by Doug Cygan, NH Department of Agriculture (pamphlets are located at the Town Hall) and attending a site walk on 7/22/16 with Tracy Tarr and Mark Howard to discuss invasive species within the ROW and the BMPs available for water crossings
- Chinese Mystery Snail observed in Mirror Lake
- MLPA Board of Directors met and issues regarding the lake's low water were raised
- Expressed concern (both he and MLPA) regarding Wolfeboro's proposal to renew the use of the spray irrigation fields
- Retrieved copy of the latest sampling associated with the landfill permit and will schedule a walk to locate the sampling sites and look for seeps

G. Mirror Lake Watershed Committee Report

Lloyd Wood stated the BOS received two bids under \$150,000 and the bid will be awarded on or before 7/26/16.

H. Subcommittee Reports

Digitized Mapping

Steve Wingate stated Mark Howard is currently working on simplifying the format of such.

Great Meadow

Kate Nesbit stated she has been in contact with one abutter to the Great Meadow and has attempted to contact another to discuss conservation opportunities.

Steve Wingate stated he would present the proposal to purchase property from Sarah Crane Fabian, abutter to the Great Meadow property, to the BOS on 8/1/16. He noted the Purchase & Sales Agreement is contingent upon a clear title; noting the closing is scheduled for 9/15/16. He stated the BOS need to approve the acceptance of the funds being donated by the Land Bank of Wolfeboro Tuftonboro prior to the Conservation Commission accepting the funds and need to approve the expenditure of funds for the acquisition of the property. He stated the conservation commission must hold a public hearing to allow citizens to comment on the proposed expenditure and vote to expend the conservation funds.

The Commission scheduled a public hearing for 8/15/16.

III. **NH DES Applications**

Charles Huckins

33 Sawyer Point

TM #28-3-12

New Standard Dredge & Fill application to repair an existing 575 SF crib dock along an average of 99.5' of shoreline. Reviewed by Mark Howard; no objection.

Mark & Lynn Girard/#2016-01210

77 Cow Island

TM #38-1-262

Applicant received a Request For More Information from NH DES.

IV. **Correspondence**

Windleblo Road Deed Restriction Current Conditions Report

Steve Wingate stated the Commission received a letter from the Society for the Protection of NH Forests, dated 6/20/16, requesting the Commission review the report and if there are no objections to the report that Carolyn Sundquist, BOS Chairman, sign the report and forward to the Society for the Protection of NH Forests. He read excerpts of the report.

The Commission reviewed the report and noted no objection to the report as written and forwarded the report to the BOS for their signature.

V. **New Business**

- NHACC Annual Meeting scheduled for 11/12/16 at Pembroke Academy
- Woods, Water, Wildlife Festival scheduled for 8/13/16
- Dan Hole Pond Annual Meeting scheduled for 8/13/16 at Camp Sentinel, 4-7 PM
- Lake Winnepesaukee Association Annual Meeting scheduled for August; date TBD
- Tuftonboro Historical Society sponsoring a program on stonewalls and cemeteries on 9/18/16 at Willing Workers Hall
- NH Municipal Association; Section 319 Grants available for Watershed Management Strategies and Resources

VI. **Old Business**

Cow Island Site Visit

Steve Wingate stated Ray Everest recommended (at the site visit) to develop a simplified management plan for each Town property. He recommended authorizing the organization of a subcommittee and appointing Mr. Everest as chairman of such.

It was moved by Kate Nesbit and seconded by Nancy Byrd to appoint Ray Everest as Chairman to a Conservation Commission subcommittee to develop a Forest Management Plan for Cow Island and other Town owned properties. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

It was moved by Kate Nesbit and seconded by Nancy Byrd to adjourn the July 18, 2016 Tuftonboro Conservation Commission meeting. All members voted in favor.

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 8:28 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lee Ann Keathley

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