

TOWN OF TUFTONBORO
CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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MEETING MINUTES

May 15, 2023

Present: Chairman Stephen Scapicchio, Vice Chairman Steven Wingate. Members: Kate Nesbit, Selectman Guy Pike, Laurel Podsen, Lynne Walsh, Mark Howard, Michael Phelps. Staff: Cathy Pounder.

Absent: Larry Gil, Heather Brown Laurel Podsen.

Call to Order: Chairman Scapicchio called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

I. Consideration of Minutes

A. April 17, 2023

A motion to accept the Minutes of April 17, 2023 as presented was made by Ms. Nesbit and seconded by Mr. Phelps. All in favor; motion passed unanimously.

II. Discussion Items

A. Flo Wilson

Ms Wilson is willing to work with the Conservation Commission to put some of her 13 ½ acre parcel of land into conservation. This property is on Mirror Lake. Her thoughts are to put 10 acres in conservation and split off and sell 3 1/2 acres with the cottage. They are waiting for the potential buyers to agree to the split. This is prime waterfront 1100-1200 feet of waterfront. Selectmen Pike explained what Current Use means and the fees assessed if property is removed from Current Use. Rick Van Der Poll will reach out to the potential buyers to see what their intentions are. The owner is willing to wait 2 years for fund raising.

B. Horner Lot

This lot is located off Dame Road to Old Woods Road and is approximately 85 acres. The Conservation Commission discussed the possibility of acquiring this lot.

C. Potter/Appleton

This is a small lot from Mirror Lake to the bridge on 109. There are title issues with this lot. They are working on getting a clear title.

D. Moose Mountain Conservation Easement

Vice Chair Steven Wingate discussed a possible easement on 150 acres at Melvin Pond and Melvin River with Moose Mountain. Mr. Phelps stated they are waiting for the owner to decide how he wants to split the property. Moose Mountain

wanted to see if TCC wanted to assist with the funding. TCC discussed if they could afford to assist with funding. Vice Chair recommended going to Landbank.

E. Landfill Monitoring

Selectmen Pike brought a resident's concerns of the Transfer Station monitoring to the TCC attention. TCC discussed the monitoring of the wells at the Transfer Station. The numbers were reviewed by Mr. Gill and Vice Chair Wingate in the past and they found the numbers were averaged. The Commission discussed the protocol and their concerns. The TCC recommended another company to do monitoring but the Selectmen did not choose them.

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

The status of Three (3) permit applications was reported by Chairman Scapicchio.

IV. **Correspondence**

- None

V. **Old Business**

A. Nineteen Mile Brook

Nothing new to report.

B. Great Meadow Trail

Grand Opening June 17th from 1-3pm.

C. Earth Day Review

Chairman Scapicchio read from an email Ms. Podsen sent. Students really enjoyed the Nature Scavenger Hunts and did not want their outside time to end. She observed some really great moments of students asking questions because their curiosity was high and they were really engaging with the outside world around them. Next year she would like to get more time with the students.

D. Essay Contest

Ms. Walsh read the 5th and 6th grade essays. It was challenging to pick winners for all grades, 4th-6th, they all put in great effort. MS. Podsen will go to the school to announce the winners and present prizes. It will be announced in their school newsletter and Ms. Posden has written an article for the Granite State News. Ms. Podsen and Ms. Walsh thanked the TCC for voting to increase the prize budget.

VI. **New Business**

A. Freezer for Water Samples

Tuftonboro has a growing number of water samplers and it can be a problem getting them to UHN. TCC discussed asking the Selectmen to purchase a freezer to

put in a central location to hold the samples until they can be transported to UNH. The Commission will consider their options and discuss at their next meeting.

VII. Non-Public Session

None.

Adjourn: There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Mr. Howard and seconded by Ms. Walsh. Motion passed unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted by Cathy Pounder, Administrative Assistant
May 15, 2023*