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**Town of Tuftonboro**  
**Conservation Commision**

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**Meeting Minutes**  
**November 20th, 2023**

**Present:** Chairman Stephen Scapicchio, Vice Chairman Steven Wingate,  
Selectman Guy Pike

Members: Heather Brown, Lynne Walsh, Larry Gil  
Guest: Vicki Soletsky from Upper Saco Land Trust in Conway, NH

**Absent:** Laurel Podson, Michael Phelps, Mark Howard, and Kate Nesbit

**Call to Order:** Chairman Scapicchio called the meeting to order at 6:33 P.M.

**I. Consideration of Minutes**

A. October 16th, 2023

1. A motion to accept the minutes as presented with a correction to add in Great Meadow property when speaking about the four wheeler in new business. This motion was made by Guy Pike and seconded by Lynne Walsh. Motion passed unanimously.

**II. Discussion Item**

- A. Vice Chairman Wingate shared his experience with attending the NHACC meeting.
- B. Chairman Scapicchio shared his experience with NH Association of Conservation Districts as he is a member of the Carol County District. It was mentioned that the Infrastructure Recovery Act (IRA) will

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actively increase money flow into NH for Conservation, Agriculture and Forestry uses over the next three years.

- C. As stated a few meetings ago the Conservation Commission had to take a step back from the purchase of the Williams/ Horner lot. Logging the area came into some issues that would interfere with the purchase at the time. Scapicchio has met with the owners of the lot and they would like to have the land become conservation land. This will be a great addition to the Great Meadow as this land has a stream that feeds into the Melvin River.
- D. Stephen Scapicchio informed the Commission that the budget was accepted by the Selectman and on December 5th they will both meet with the Budget Committee for their approval.

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

- A. All current applications and approvals were reviewed.

### **IV. Correspondence**

#### **A. Invitation (Added to Agenda)**

- 1. The Conservation Commission got invited to Moose Mountain Greenway for a gathering of all the towns that encompasses their footprint.

### **V. Old Business**

#### **A. Nineteen Mile Brook**

- 1. Larry Gil went out with Luke and a new member of the group from FBE for the last round of sampling. Mr. Gil informed all members of how the testing works as Tuftonboro and Wolfeboro conduct separate tests at the same time quarterly so that both may get comparative results. Guest Vickey Sloetsky asked if we submit samples to the same lab and it was answered that Tuftonboro uses the UNH lab and receives more detailed results than the wolfeboro lab. This difference in results makes it hard to compare the results from the respective labs.

#### **B. Great Meadow Trail**

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1. Decided on the Great Meadow Grand Opening that will be hosted on June 15th at 10AM
2. Member Lynne Walsh said Matt Morris from LRCT is willing to put a map together for the Kiosk that will include the location of bridges and observation desks.
3. Chairman Scapicchio mentioned a complaint from a loose dog coming onto the property from where they assume the Great Meadow Trail is. Stephen S. will talk to the owners before making any decisions on how to go about using leashes for pets.

### **C. Carleton Lot Update**

1. The back 15 acres needs a real valid appraisal in order to submit a grant application for the purchase
2. The snowmobile club informed Stephen Scapicchio that they will be putting in a gate at the access for the North end of Great Meadow wide enough for the Fire Department to get through as well as keeping a separate path way for hikers to enter.

## **VI. New Business**

- A. Member Lynne mentioned that approximately 45 new residents of Tuftonboro received welcome letters with their water testing pamphlets.
- B. Libby Museum dispute with neighbors with boundaries for land.

## **VII. Non Public Session**

- A. None

**Adjourn:** There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Guy Pike and seconded by Stephen Scapicchio. Motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Katelyn Hazeltine, Tuftonboro Conservation Commission Secretary  
November 30th, 2023

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**Meeting of Minutes of November 20th**