

Minutes of Tuftonboro P&R Commission Meeting
Tuftonboro Town Hall
February 7, 2023

Meeting called to order at 5:00pm by Commission Chair, Eileen Gil. Attendees: Dennis Zilembo, Director, Eileen Gil, Commission Chair, Bob Murray, Selectman Representative, Lloyd Wood, Alternate Member, Zack Tufts, Commission Member, Joyce Lake,(via FaceTime) and Mitchell Tufts, visitor. Absent: Jeff Jordan-Reisner, Chris Lanouette, Commission Members. A quorum was noted.

Previous P&R Commission Board Meeting Minutes of 12.06.22 printed copies were reviewed,

Dennis Zilembo - Director's Report:

OLD BUSINESS:

Punt, Pass & Kick Competition - Held in Tampa Bay, FL this year, Tuftonboro had (3) Attendees: Brendan MacPhee, 2nd Place Winner, & Nolan Chomanski, 3rd Place & Sam Saxby placed 10th in his age group. Cost was \$500.00 per participant. Bob Murray made a motion & Eileen Gill 2nd the motion to pay the \$1500 total - funds will be taken from the Revolving Fund - they suggested the families of participants be invited to the March 15, 2023 Town Meeting.

Tuftonboro Bike Trail Grants - Joyce Lake reported that we are still waiting for the response from the New Hampshire Electric Co-op,(NHEC) for \$5,000. They gave us \$3,000 in 2022, which is encumbered for the TBT. We received a "No" from the MVSB (Meredith Village Savings Bank request of \$8,000). Dennis Zilembo mentioned that he has the application for the AARP Livable Communities Program Grants for 2023, Applications are due 03.15.23. This Grant was recommended by Joyce Lake's friend who was a Sr. Advisor, AARP, DC.

Lloyd Wood, as a Member of the Lakes Region Planning Committee, presented to P&R a listing of over 400 Grants available for Bike Trails, from the U.S. Department of Transportation.

Joyce Lake reported that Dennis Zilembo and she had met on November 3, 2022 with Catherine Dufault, District Manager, Carroll County Conservation Commission, Steve Scapicchio, Tuftonboro Conservation Commission Director, and Matt Coughlan,owner/designer of Recon Trail Design (from ME) to walk the proposed TBT. Matt was to provide his bid for this project. Lake had called Catherine Dufault later to see what had developed with Matt's bid, and any progress on the NH State Recreational Trails Program (RTP) proposed application bids. To date, we have received no communication from either Catherine Dufault or Matt Coughlan regarding our Tuftonboro Bike Trail.

Lake then mentioned that our original bidder, Andrew Lester, Bella Terra Trail Design, whom Caleb Pike had recommended to our Tuftonboro P&R Commission, and who has provided his proposal in 2020 for this project, is very eager to do the TBT. He has cleared his calendar, has

a competent, experienced team, and is ready to start this TBT construction this summer, sometime between June/July, or July/August, 2023. Andrew Lester has guaranteed that his bid amount is locked in, and he is willing to begin this project with just a 25% down payment and remaining payment due upon final completion of the construction of the TBT.

Bob Murray, Selectman Representative stated that in order to have a project done in Tuftonboro, a Contract Agreement between the Contractor and the Board of Selectmen, Town of Tuftonboro is necessary.

Wolfeboro Letter/Warrant Request - Bob Murray, Selectman Representative mentioned that the items in this letter, dated 12.22.22, sent to the Wolfeboro Board of Selectmen & Wolfeboro Department of Parks and Recreation was in regard to 1) The decision of the residents of Wolfeboro to no longer allow Tuftonboro residents the ability to enjoy the convenience of parking at the Wolfeboro town beaches, and the second item 2) Lack of any proper justification of the \$16,661 asked for in the Wolfeboro Parks and Recreation invoice for the past many years - a request for an annual accounting and justification for these funds. Additionally, they asked that the members of the Mountain View Community be allowed to park at the Wolfeboro Town Beaches. Bob Murray says the Board of Selectmen have not received a response.

Town House - Dennis Zilembo mentioned that since our P&R Programs and Events are expanding with more attendance, we need to consider adding a Stove and Refrigerator to the Town House to accommodate the needs of the attendees and offerings that come with P&R events. Zack Tufts, Commission Member has offered to check on the project with spacing and measurements. Tim Christian, local Electrician was recommended to do any required and approved wiring.

P&R Town Survey - Chip Albee, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen (BoS) suggested at the November BoS Meeting that a Town Survey be included in the Winter, 2023 issue of "The Tuftonboro Times" regarding the request of the Tuftonboro P&R Commission and the New Hampshire Lakes Region Pickleball Club (NHLRPC) who are seeking land or a location to provide our Lakes Region with Indoor/Outdoor Pickleball Courts and a swimming pool - a Community or Aquatic/Athletic Center. This survey was included in the Times edition and sent to 1400 local Tuftonboro resident homes, and cost \$280. The survey included (6) questions prepared by Dennis Zilembo, P&R Director, with a response requested by January 31, 2023.

The responses from Tuftonboro residents were approximately 57/43% yes/no moving forward to consider an indoor pool and a community/athletic center in Tuftonboro for the Lakes Region area that includes 49,000 Carroll County residents, and even more population in the full Lakes Region.

NEW BUSINESS;

New Electric Sign - The Fire Chief, Tuftonboro Fire Department, stated that they received a Grant to purchase (2) new Electrified Signs that are computer driven, and that any Town of

Tuftonboro Department may use. The P&R Commission used the electric signage for our Town Wide Picnic as part of the Old Homes Day celebration Picnic at Davis Field in 2022.

Ballroom Dancing - Because Ballroom Dancing has a full capacity of sign ups, they have had to move from the Town House to the Central School Gym & will begin classes on February 9, 2023, with Dave & Erin Dauphinas as teachers.

Paint Classes - begins on February 22, 2023 at the Town House, with Dooling Di as the teacher.

Easter Egg Hunt - This year's Easter Egg Hunt will be hosted at Camp Sentinel, with 2,200 eggs for the hunt and Tucker VanBrundt as the Easter Bunny.

CPR/AED - is scheduled Tuesday, May 9 @ 5:00pm at the Fire Station, limited to 10 people. This is a popular program offering.

Concert Contracts - Dennis Zilembo, P&R Director says we have (8) Bands lined up with contracts, which includes two new bands, "Ricky & the Giants" and "Marcy Drive Band" for our 19 Mile Beach-side Concerts.

Concert Sponsor Letters - Dennis Zilembo, has sent out (40) Sponsor letters for the 2023 Concert Series.

Paws in the Park Event at Davis Field - Dennis Zilembo, has connected with Megan Williams, Executive Director of the Lakes Region Humane Society to participate in the Paws in the Park Event - could be the best event ever!

Swim Instructor - Hannah will be in Boston this summer and not available as our Tuftonboro Swim Instructor. We will need to advertise for a Swim Instructor & a Beach Cleaner. They will both need an official background check before hiring.

Winter Carnival - Is scheduled for February 24, 2023, from 1:00-3:00pm, which Zack Tufts & Chris Lounoutte are in charge. They need a snowmobile for a track that needs building for this Event.

Lloyd Wood - had several comments/questions to discuss:

- 1) Has Brandon Woody's Letter of Resignation been officially accepted by the BoS? YES
- 2) There are (3) Structures that need to be painted: Pavilion, Beach Storage Building, & Transfer Station. Peter Cavanaugh is a recommended painter.
- 3) Repair of Docks - Concerns of new parts. Transfer Station. Swim Lines @ 19 Mi. Bay responsibilities including Swim Area Buoys from Peter & Susie Walker.
- 4) Huge Apple Tree damaged at Central Park with split bark - may cost (\$300 for skid steer & \$700 to truck it away). Lovering Tree Service was recommended for this project. Dennis mentioned that Verizon, while installing the new Cell Tower, has upgraded the

driveway to the Tuftonboro Trail & added fencing. Lloyd Wood mentioned that Michael Dow, Tuftonboro Firefighter has cut up some blow down.

- 5) The Ramp at the 19 Mile Beach was repaired with only sand that could be washed away & expose sharp rocks.
- 6) Davis Field Baseball diamond is in need of repair and as a Community Service Project, Brandon MacPhee has a machine and would use stone dust to restore it.
- 7) The Tuftonboro Central School (TCS) playground is in need of repair and upgrade.
- 8) The Snowmobile Club Trail comes out at the 19 Mile Beach and down the ramp. The P&R paid \$500 for the cost of clearing brush for that Trail opening.
- 9) Lloyd Wood mentioned the (7) full size Picnic Benches in storage may need to be repaired. Dennis Zilembo said (2) were chained at the 19 Mile Town Beach for those who may want to enjoy the winter scene and the great sunsets. Lloyd Wood also mentioned the Picnic Tables stored at the Transfer Station.
- 10) Reminder that Jack Widmer, Town Treasurer, is to speak at our P&R meeting, to explain our Revolving Funds.

Zack Tufts ask about the possibility of Roller Skating at the TCS Gym, Dennis Zilembo said the staff at the TCS is very careful with maintaining the gym since it is well used by students, P&R events, & PTCO, etc. Another need for the new Community/Sports Center.

The next Tuftonboro P&R Commission Meeting is scheduled for 5:00pm on Tuesday, March 7, 2023. Lloyd Wood made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:15pm, and Eileen Gil 2nd.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Lake
P&R Commission Secretary