

**Minutes of Tuftonboro P&R Commission Meeting**  
**Tuftonboro Town Hall**  
**September 5, 2023**

Meeting called to order at 5:00pm by Chair, Eileen Gil.

Attendees: Dennis Zilembo, Director, Eileen Gil, Commission Chair, Lloyd Wood, Alternate Member, Bob Murray, Selectman Representative, Mitchell Tufts, Zack Tufts, Jeff Jordan-Reisner, Sarah Warner, and Joyce Lake, Commission Members. A quorum was noted.

Our guests at this Meeting were Gary Qua, Vice Chairman of The Planning Committee, and Anthony (Tony) Mirando, incoming Chairman of The Planning Committee.

Gary reviewed the 2022 Tuftonboro Master Plan with our Commission, specifying "Public Outreach Program - #3 in the guiding principles of the Master Plan is to provide access to parks, trail systems, and outdoor recreation space. 63% of the people responded (pg 3 of the Master Plan).

Gary also mentioned that the P&R Commission has responsibility to Improve cycle and pedestrian infrastructure (31% - was in the top 10 of responses) Over 21% of the public responded to this item on the 2022 Master Plan.

ACTION ITEMS that Gary Qua recommended to our Commission: Chapter 8 (pg. 39 of Master Plan). Recreation. Improve pedestrian and bicycle access in the Village area. Tuftonboro has a large amount of Conservation properties with walking trails such as the Great Meadow. We have the Ossipee Mts, Mt. Shaw and many others to hike. 19 Mile Bay and 20 Mile Bay for public beaches. Many of the Tuftonboro residents are not aware of such wonderful hiking trails, and Lake access. Discussion followed Gary Qua's comments. Lloyd Wood mentioned that the Tuftonboro Fire Department has all the Trails listed and mapped, there are Snowmobile trails, as well as hiking trails. Various Camps in our Town have trails. The Conservation Commission has trail listings. Jeff Jordon-Reisner has offered to set up a digitized listing of all the Tuftonboro area trails, on our Town Website..

Gary Qua suggested as an action item for P&R that we create a map of publicly accessible trails, and create a hand out folder with all of our public areas (beaches, Mountains, Conservation Properties, etc.). Also we could create a page on the Tuftonboro website that shows all of these areas, map the hikes and distances, rate the difficulty of each.

Gary Qua also suggested the P&R Commission create a bicycle map of our road and work with the NH Dept of Transportation to improve pedestrian and bicycle safety in the Village of Tuftonboro area. Lloyd Wood mentioned that Rt.109 is designated as a "Scenic Road" which means (15 yrs) no tree cutting! On 109A/Middle Road, homeowners own to the middle of the road.

Gary Qua mentioned that the Master Plan does not go to a Town Vote, it is more of a Persuasive Plan. Also the Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) have a \$10,000 minimum cost and can be for 6-10 years, and a Warrant Article may be part of the process. We thanked Gary Qua & Tony Mirando for their input.

Our next order of business was the handout prepared by Lloyd Wood and Joyce Lake on the CIP Project items that P&R has a vested interest in. The Projects were listed and then reviewed for priority. Joyce Lake stated the **Approval Process** for these items include:

1. P&R Commission approval
2. CIP review and approval
3. Budget Committee approval
4. Board of Selectman approval
5. Town Meeting Approval in March  
with a Warrant Article or Petition

**Suggested Projects include:**

1. Mountain Bike Trail (MBT) at Central Park
2. Tractor Shed on Rt.171- 99 Mountain Rd falling down
3. 19 Mile Beach Sand Repair
4. Painting of 19 Mile Beach Pavilion
5. Electrical Upgrade to 19 Mile Beach Pavilion. TBoro Fire Dept has a \$400 Unit that controls Dusk to Dawn automatic lighting that was donated to light the Flag.
6. Melvin Wharf Beach Sand repair. Lakes Region Planning is studying/mapping the Lake shore line.
7. Melvin Wharf Beach upgrade to mitigate water erosion. Install Engineered Catch Basins every 50' with Sump.
8. The Metal Storage Building at Town Dump is rusted, the door doesn't function properly. Bldg needs prepped and painted.
9. The Town House needs Engineer for upgrade of appliances.
10. The 85-88 Acre Central Park needs Right of Way (ROW) Survey for Ledge Hill Rd & Tupac Road.
11. Davis Field Playground Upgrade (TCSchool) is a safety issue for Town of Tuftonboro, with culvert, and broken equipment.
12. Pickleball Courts (Indoor/Outdoor) installed-Central Park
13. 19 Mile Beach Docks (20 yrs old) need 'Exhaust Clamps'
14. 19 Mile Beach Parking Lot needs paved & lined.

**CIP PRIORITIZED ITEMS:**

1. **Davis Field Playground Upgrade at TBoro Central School** - Sarah Warner & Jeff Jordan-Reisner
2. **Pickleball Courts (Indoor/Outdoor) Central Park**  
Joyce Lake & Eileen Gil
3. **Mountain Bike Trail** - Dennis Zilembo & Joyce Lake

4. **19 Mile Beach Parking Lot paved/lined** - Lloyd Wood
5. **The 85-88 Acre Central Park Survey for ROW on Ledge Hill Road & Tupac Road** - Lloyd Wood
6. **19 Mile Beach Docks repairs w/Exhaust Clamps** - Zack Tufts and Mick Tufts

**Dennis Zilembo - Director's Report:**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Old Home Days - Held at 19 Mile Beach  
(4) Overnight Camps provided most all of food items.
2. Beach Concerts (8) Final Concert largest crowd ever!
3. Sailing & Outrigger Canoe @ 19 Mile Beach
4. Swim Lessons, Swim Instructor, Ella Meserve, 28 kids

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Life Jacket donation - Dartmouth Hitchcock Children's Hospital (12 Small, Medium & Large Size) to barrow!
2. Picnic Bench donation - Hex Table/benches Melvin Wharf \$1400.00 Beatrice A. Ames Memorial
3. Ballroom Dancing Begins Wed, 9/13/23 @ TCSchool
4. Dodgeball begins on Thursday, October 12, 2023 TCS
5. Men's Basketball begins Tuesday, 10/4/23 @ TCS
6. TBoro Town Wide Yard Sale. Saturday, 10/7/23
7. Punt, Pass & Kick, Davis Field 10/28/23 @ 10:00am
8. Halloween Program
9. Bike Trail Update - WBoro/TBoro Land Bank suggests: Land Bank, Cons.Comm. & TBoro P&R joint Committee.

**MAINTENANCE:**

**Raft from Cow Island** - found floating in the Lake. Dennis located the owners, needs to move as it may pose a safety issue.

**ADDITIONAL BUSINESS:**

Joyce Lake has offered to write Thank You notes from the Tuftonboro P&R to various volunteers, donors & sponsors for different events throughout the summer months and ongoing.

A Special Thank You to Seth, Lily, Hannah, Zack and Mick Tufts for the Concession Stand at the Summer Concerts, Lemonade Stand, and all that they do!!

**The next Tuftonboro P&R Commission Meeting is scheduled for 5:00pm on Tuesday, October 3, 2023. Bob Murray made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:40pm, and Zack Tufts 2nd.**

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Lake  
P&R Commission Secretary