

**TOWN OF TUFTONBORO
CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

240 Middle Road
Ctr. Tuftonboro, NH 03816

MEETING MINUTES

March 16, 2020

Members Present: Chairman: Steve Wingate, Members: Larry Gil, Stephen Scapicchio, and Kate Nesbit
Selectmen's Representative: Lloyd Wood
Members Absent: Vice Chairman: Mike Phelps, Members: Mark Howard, and Laurel Podsen,
Alternate: Kathleen Murphy
Staff Present: Linda Bean, Administrative Secretary

Steve Wingate opened meeting at 6:30PM

I. Consideration of Minutes

- February 17, 2020
Kate Nesbit moved to except the minutes as written, Stephen Scapicchio seconded, and all were in favor.

II. Discussion Items

Great Meadow

- Grant Progress
Steve informed members that the town now owns the Sargent lot. Steve isn't sure when the Phelps lot will be finalized. Mike left town before the paperwork was ready. We may have to wait until the spring when Mike returns. He mentioned that Mr. Carleton has asked permission to access his property by moving a piece of heavy equipment across the Sargent lot. Steve told him that the easement would have to be reviewed but did not think it would be allowed.

Budget Review

- Kate Reviewed budget, everything is in order.

III. Status of DES Applications

- See attached

IV. Correspondence

- Annual bulletin from the Society for the Protection of NH Forests.
On April 9th a special landowner gathering and resource fair featuring natural resource specialist will be held from 4 to 6:30pm at 54 Portsmouth St. in Concord, NH. Go to <https://forestsociety.eventbrite.com> for more information.
- Copy of letter to Kate Nesbit thanking her for her donation of a Conservation Easement of her land on Eaglemere Rd.
- Copy of a letter to Fred & Eunice Sargent thanking them for their partial gift of land.
- Letter from Selectmen to Ray Everest thanking him for his continued support on the Conservation Facebook page. He is very much missed on the commission.

V. Old Business

- **Landfill Proposal**

Larry said that he met with the Selectmen and it was decided that Santec will be implementing the landfill sampling for 2020 only. The selectmen would like to ask for proposals again next year for a 3-year contract. There will be another meeting next week with the selectmen, Clay Gallagher and Santec to discuss details. Larry would like to see another meeting later with the State to ask questions regarding guidelines for these tests

- **Nineteen Mile Brook Study**

The selectmen had asked for \$20,000 to continue monitoring water quality in the brook. This passed at town meeting. Steve mentioned that we should get together with Wolfeboro to see if we could reach an agreement on testing that they would pay for.

- **Well Water Testing**

Steve said that Laurel is doing a great job. He praised her on the newspaper article. She could not have done a better job. Larry wanted to know if the people that missed this opportunity would have another chance to test their water. Steve said yes, Laurel has another 20 kits, instructions for mailing in are included in the kit. They will have to send them to the lab themselves.

- **Bio Blitz**

Steve said that this has been cancelled. It will be rescheduled later. Kathleen may be able to do a video conference with them.

- **Mirror Lake Conservation**

Steve attended Town meeting. The Warrant Article was voted on and was nearly unanimously passed.

- **Earth Day**

Steve read from an email that Laurel sent. The topic for Earth Day this year will be "The Importance of Growing and Eating What is Grown Locally". With schools being closed right now it is uncertain if they will be able to have the presentation.

- **Water & Watershed Conference**

Larry said that he attended the conference with Stephen. His morning session was PFAS and afternoon session on Climate Change. It was suggested that everyone watch the documentary "DARK WATERS". The location of the documentary was Parkersburg, Virginia and the devastation PFAS caused. His afternoon session was on Climate Change and how it is changing the severity of storms among other things. Stephen attended Micro Plastics-Single Use Plastics. This session addressed how these plastics are affecting ground water as they are now breaking down in landfills. His afternoon session was on Trends of NH Water Quality. There are about 170 lakes and streams that are being monitored at this time. He also talked about trees that have fallen into woods and streams and how it benefits the fish and wildlife.

- **Saving Special Places**

The conference was cancelled due to Corona Virus. This may be rescheduled at a later date.

- **Old Home Day**

Laurel is in charge of this program.

VI. New Business

- **Copps Pond Sign**

Steve wanted to know if anyone would be interested in designing a sign for Copps Pond. A brief history would be nice for visitors. It would be posted in a small kiosk that would be protected from the weather. The sign would also encourage people that are

taking pictures to submit them to the TCC so they can be put them on the Conservation Facebook page.

There being no further business, Larry Gil moved to adjourn the 03/16/20 TCC meeting, Kate Nesbit seconded, and all were in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 7:40pm.

**Respectfully Submitted,
Administrative Secretary
Linda Bean**

STATUS OF DES APPLICATIONS

03/16/20

1. Taylor Rev Trust, Kristin C Taylor

4 Flint Dr, MAP 14-1-1

State received a standard dredge and fill application, has reviewed, stated that it was not complete, requested more information.

2. Mark Murphy Rev Trust

One Helen Island, MAP 26-1-55

Purpose of application is to install a perched beach and permanent dock. Mark inspected and had no objections. State has received application.

3. Barton & Lisa Hogreve

45 Little Bear Island, MAP 25-1-43

Purpose of application is to install a seasonal dock attached to shore by a concrete hinge pad with a seasonal boat lift and two seasonal personal watercraft lifts. Laurel inspected and had no objections. State has received application.