

**TOWN OF TUFTONBORO  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

240 Middle Road  
Ctr. Tuftonboro, NH 03816  
Meeting Minutes  
September 21, 2020

Because of Covid-19 the 09/21/20 meeting was held via **GoToMeeting**. The following people attended the meeting and were identified by roll call:

**Members present:** Chairman Steve Wingate; Vice Chairman Stephen Scapicchio; Members Larry Gil, Kate Nesbit, Laurel Podsen, Heather Brown; Alternate Member Mike Phelps

**Members not present:** Selectmen's Representative Lloyd Wood; Member Mark Howard

**Staff Present:** Linda Bean, Administrative Secretary

Chairman Steve Wingate called meeting to order at 6:37pm

I. Consideration of minutes

a) August 24, 2020

- Larry moved to accept the minutes as written, Stephen seconded the motion. Roll call as follows: Steve-yes, Stephen-yes, Larry-yes, Kate-yes, Laurel-yes, Heather-yes, Mike-yes. Motion was passed.

II. Discussion Items

a) Great Meadow

- Trail Progress

Steve reported that professional trail builder Matt Coughlin had volunteered to review our trail plans. During a tour of the area he was able to give Stephen and Steve some useful tips to improve the quality of the trail and methods of construction. Steve also reported that Stephen had found an interesting gate system to purchase and he thought it was very reasonably priced. Steve moved to allocate \$300 for Stephen to purchase the necessary supplies for the installation of the gate(s). Laurel seconded the motion. Roll call as follows: Steve-yes, Stephen-yes, Larry-yes, Kate-yes, Laurel-yes, Heather-yes, Mike-yes. Motion was passed.

- Future Activities at the North End

Stephen has spent quite a bit time exploring the Great Meadow. He has found a way from the North end of the property that comes close to the Melvin River. He was thinking that maybe the second week in October, if anyone is interested, they could go with him to look at a possible trail from that side. The time and date will be determined.

Stephen also mentioned that it might be good to designate reference names for the two sides of the property for clarification. He suggested that the entry from the transfer station side be called Great Meadow North and from the Sodom Road entrance the Great Meadow South.

#### Budget Review

- Kate reviewed the budget. The TCC is in good shape. Big thanks to Rick Sager for his generous work on the two Great Meadow properties. Also, a thanks to Shane Lovering for helping with the clean-up of a tree that was across the trail out to Copps Pond. He did a great job; he went above and beyond what was asked of him. Steve said he would highly recommend him for any tree work. Steve gave a brief description of why we have so much money so close to the end of the year. Covid-19 definitely has had an effect.

### III. Status of NHDES Applications

- See Attached

### IV. Correspondence

- We received a very nice note from Ellen Laase, thanking the Commission for the great job they did on the Scavenger Hunt for Old Home Days. Everyone thanked Laurel for her hard work on this project.

### V. Old Business

#### a) Mirror Lake Conservation

- Nothing new on this subject.

#### b) Comments on the RIB Correspondence

- Commission reviewed the newly edited letter that Steve wrote to the David Ford, Director of Public Works for the town of Wolfeboro. Kate suggested not using abbreviations for certain items and wanted to change one sentence. They also agreed that all members should be listed at the end of the letter. Steve wants to meet with Dave Ford for confirmation that he will be putting the cost of the monitoring into his budget. He also needs to get a definite date from FB Environmental as

to when they could start the monitoring because this would affect Dave's budget planning.

c) Libby Park

- Steve said that the Tuftonboro Selectmen asked the commission to identify the property lines at Libby Park. He and Stephen did locate three out of four markers. They are fairly certain they know where the fourth marker should be. Everything seemed to be fine.

d) Cheney Farm

- Stephen said the owners are still moving forward with their plans. He will be inspecting for the easement the first of October.

## VI. New Business

a) Mt. Pleasant Fund-Raising Campaign

- The fund-raising is actually a general fund raiser that is not specific to Mt. Pleasant as Steve had first thought. The Commission has a lot of work that still has to be done out there, so funds would not be available for some time.

b) Capital Improvements

- There is no change. Steve asked them to roll over what was in the budget. They agreed to do this.

c) Forest Plans

- Matt Young, Chairman on the Planning Board, feels that the Town owned land should have a forest plan. Steve felt that most of this land has been logged off, leaving very little to plan. Matt feels so strongly about this that he is willing to pay the cost of a plan. They narrowed the number to four pieces of property that might benefit from a Forest Plan. Steve and Stephen went out with a licensed forester to look at the parcels. The forester said that he is booked for a least a year. Matt was fine with the delayed time line. This will be followed up on at a later date. The Selectmen will have to work out the finance part with Matt.

d) NHACC Conference

- TCC discussed the upcoming conference. The Commission set a date of October 7 for everyone to send their selection of classes to the secretary. There is also a Lunch & Learn that UNH is having on September 23. This is a Zoom meeting about safe water. The NRS and DES are putting on a conference for Protecting Wetlands on September

30. And on October 14 there is a Getting Them to Show Up which is about engaging the public.

VII. Non-Public Session (if needed)

Mike moved to adjourn the 09/21/20 meeting at 7:45pm, Kate seconded. Roll call as follows: Steve-yes, Stephen-yes, Larry-yes, Kate-yes, Laurel-yes, Heather-yes, Mike-yes

**There being no further business, the 09/21/20 TCC Meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm.**

**Respectfully Submitted  
Administrative Secretary  
Linda Bean**

## STATUS OF NHDES APPLICATIONS

1. Melvin Marina  
463 GWH, MAP 14-3-3  
State received recent application.
2. Kristin Taylor  
4 Flint Drive, MAP 14-1-1  
Project would be installing a new canopy. TCC signature was waived.
3. Richard & Susan Taylor  
28 Chase Island, MAP 40-1-28  
Project is to repair or replace an existing permanent piling supported dock.
4. David Jones & Cynthia Dawn  
21 Sawyer Point Rd, MAP 28-3-2  
Project is to repair an existing permanent crib supported pier. Laurel inspected with no objections.
5. Sandra Bertha  
19 Thomas Point Rd, MAP 61-1-24  
Project consists of construction of a new breakwater to protect the existing docks permitted in 2012 permit. State has received application. Kate inspected with no objections.
6. Law Family Trust  
18 Carillon Shores Rd, MAP 28-1-29  
Repair or replace existing rock breakwater and add a single PWC lift.