

**TOWN OF TUFTONBORO
CONSERVATION COMMISSION**
240 Middle Road
Center Tuftonboro, NH 03816

**MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 16, 2020**

Due to COVID-19, the 11/16/2020 meeting was held virtually via GoToMeeting. The following people were present and identified by roll call:

Members present: Chairman Steve Wingate, Vice Chairman Stephen Scapicchio, Members Larry Gil, Heather Brown, Laurel Podsen, Kate Nesbit

Members not present: Mark Howard, Alternate Mike Phelps, Selectmen's Representative Lloyd Wood

Staff present: Jane Lemire

Chairman Steve Wingate called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.*

**Note: The scheduled start of 6:30 p.m. was delayed due to
some difficulty signing onto GoToMeeting.*

- I. Guest Speaker Lisetta Silvestri, LRCT – Pleasant Mountain Easement
Ms. Silvestri stated that there is \$6,000 remaining to be raised to complete the project. LCHIP granted \$75,000 to the project. Ms. Silvestri stated that LCHIP would like us to consider a "right of enforcement" which is like a condensed version of an easement. Ms. Silvestri explained how this would work. A short video showcasing the land was played. There was discussion and questions about this proposal. Ms. Silvestri explained the right of enforcement in further detail. If LCHIP's proposal is agreed upon, they would try and expend a little money each year to help pay for monitoring costs. Ms. Silvestri thanked the Commission for their time.
- II. Consideration of Minutes
 - a. October 19, 2020
Vice Chairman Scapicchio moved to accept the Minutes as written, Ms. Nesbit seconded, roll call vote followed, all were in favor, motion passed.
- III. Discussion Items
 - a. Great Meadow
 - i. North end road access
Vice Chairman Scapicchio discussed the north end road access and stated a note from the Wolfeboro Snowmobile Club said that Wolfeboro will put up a gate if Tuftonboro pays for it, at a cost of \$126, to discourage/limit wheel traffic. The gate will be positioned at the

edge of the woods and will leave room for parking. Signage can be put on the gate that says foot traffic is allowed. Chairman Wingate made a motion to approve \$150 for gate purchase, Ms. Nesbit seconded, roll call vote followed, all were in favor, motion passed.

ii. Trail progress

Vice Chairman Scappichio reported that a new barrier and gate are now installed at Great Meadows South. Work will continue this week and weekend cutting lumber and starting the first bridge construction. Anyone who would like to help with this work is welcome.

Vice Chairman Scappichio also mentioned that Cheney Farm sent a letter detailing their plans to raise a 50' barn with a date to be announced. He will pass this along once he knows the details.

b. Budget Review

i. 2021 Budget Review and Approval

Ms. Nesbit reviewed the current budget and stated it is down/underspent due to COVID. Each line item was reviewed and discussed individually. Chairman Wingate stated what he submitted for the 2021 budget request (which we can still change) for each line item.

IV. Status of Dredge & Fill Applications

See attached list.

V. Correspondence – None.

VI. Old Business

a. Forest Plans

Chairman Wingate stated that he asked the treasurer to let him know when the contribution from Matt Young is received as the forest is ready to start.

b. Nineteen Mile Brook Monitoring Plan

Chairman Wingate reported that FB Environmental had a tour of RIB and are considering various monitoring options.

c. NHACC Annual Meeting

Chairman Wingate and Vice Chairman Scapicchio attended. Recordings were received of the presentations if anyone would like to borrow.

d. Landfill Monitoring Contract

Mr. Gil reported that this contract was awarded to Stantec.

VII. New Business

a. Welcome Jane

Commission members welcomed Ms. Lemire, newly hired clerical secretary.

b. Phelps Lot

Chairman Wingate reported that when TCC bought the lot, it was expected to happen sooner. In the meantime, some back tax accumulated. Chairman Wingate motioned that TCC pay \$44 in back taxes, Ms. Nesbit seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

c. Farm Easement

Ms. Nesbit proposed that TCC consider an easement of property owned by her brother-in-law that abuts a farm that is 41 acres, 31 acres of which is conservation land. The easement portion is 3.25 acres which includes 112' of shore frontage. Discussion and questions followed. Ms. Nesbit will provide a packet of information to each commission member to review. A virtual meeting to vote on this proposal was scheduled for Monday, 11/23/2020 at 6:30 p.m.

VIII. Non-Public Session

Non-Public Session was entered into at 8:32 p.m. and exited at 8:50 p.m.

There being no further business, Ms. Nesbit moved to adjourn the 11/16/2020 TCC meeting, Vice Chairman Scapicchio seconded. Roll call followed; all were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Jane Lemire, Tuftonboro Conservation Commission Secretary