

**TOWN OF TUFTONBORO
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
November 21, 2016
MINUTES**

Members Present: Steve Wingate, Chairman, Mike Phelps, Vice-Chairman, Lloyd Wood, Selectman's Representative, Nancy Byrd, Mark Howard, Nancy Piper, Larry Gil, Kate Nesbit, Members.

Member Absent: Ray Everest, Alternate.

Staff Present: Lee Ann Keathley, Administrative Secretary.

Chairman Wingate opened the meeting at 6:32 PM.

I. Consideration of Minutes

October 17, 2016

Correction: Page 2, 3rd paragraph; strike "an easement" and replace with "a property"

It was moved by Kate Nesbit and seconded by Nancy Piper to approve the October 17, 2016 Tuftonboro Conservation Commission minutes as amended. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

II. Discussion Items

A. Conservation Planning & Grant Writing

Rick Van de Poll recommended the Commission apply for multiple grants and reviewed the following grant opportunities; LCHIP, ARM Fund, Moose Plate, State Wildlife Small Grants, ACEP and NAWCA. He stated he would submit a cost estimate to advise on protection strategies for selected parcels within the Great Meadow area, assist in negotiations with landowners, prepare and draft grant applications, prepare a list of possible RTE species in the area of the Great Meadow, conduct and complete field surveys for RTE species and research and draft a conservation plan for the entire Town of Tuftonboro.

B. Great Meadow Hike

Great Meadow hike scheduled for December 6th with a rain date of December 8th.

C. Gale Property Hike

The Commission agreed to postpone the hike of the Gale property until spring 2017.

D. Master Plan Chapter Updates

Steve Wingate asked the members to forward their draft updates to Staff.

E. Conservation Public Education Efforts

Larry Gil stated he spoke to Ray Everest regarding such and discussed having a booth at Old Home Day that includes a map that the public could pin the location of wildlife sightings. He suggested having information at Town Meeting.

Steve Wingate stated the Town picnic would also be an opportunity for such.

F. Mirror Lake Protective Association Report

Larry Gil stated the MLPA Board of Directors met and agreed to develop a management plan to manage the elevation of the lake; noting he spoke with Mr. Doyon regarding such.

G. Mirror Lake Watershed Committee Report

Referencing the Lang Pond Road Improvements project, Steve Wingate stated the Committee submitted a list of outstanding items to be completed to the BOS.

Lloyd Wood stated the BOS encumbered funds.

Larry Gil stated there is significant erosion at the culvert on the Wolfeboro side.

Referencing the Mirror Lake Boat Launch Improvements project, Steve Wingate stated the Committee received cost estimates totaling less than \$10,000 for the proposed improvements; noting that a member of the Committee is donating his labor and equipment. He stated the Committee will reconvene spring 2017.

III. NH DES Applications

Lynda Johnson

42 Little Bear Island

TM #25-1-40

New Standard Dredge & Fill application to repair existing permanent dock in-kind and add a single three-pile ice protection cluster. Reviewed by Mike Phelps; no objection.

David & Maria Gallagher

314 Governor Wentworth Highway

TM #28-1-43

New Permit By Notification application to replace a 10'x43' dock, a 8'x40' support crib and seven existing fender pilings as described in NH DES Wetlands Bureau file #1990-01158 and install two seasonal PWC lifts and a single seasonal boatlift. The 3'x43' section added after previous permit approval shall be removed and the dock restored to allowed dimensions. Reviewed by Nancy Piper; no objection.

IV. Correspondence

None.

V. New Business

- BOS and Budget Committee supported the proposed 2017 Budget
- Parkhurst Bentley Property Monitoring; Mark Howard & Steve Wingate scheduled to perform monitoring during the winter months
- Cheney Property Monitoring; Mike Phelps to perform monitoring next week
- Hubbard Brook Foundation; Steve Wingate recommended the Commission become a member of such.

It was moved by Larry Gil and seconded by Nancy Byrd to donate a \$50 membership fee to Hubbard Brook Foundation. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

VI. Old Business

Watershed Management Plan

LWA reapplied for a grant for a watershed management plan; noting that if the Town qualifies for such, there would be a need to request funds through a warrant article in the amount of \$15,000 as part of the Town's obligation to complete the plan.

It was moved by Kate Nesbit and seconded by Nancy Piper to adjourn the November 21, 2016 Tuftonboro Conservation Commission meeting. All members voted in favor.

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lee Ann Keathley

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