

**TOWN OF TUFTONBORO
CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

April 18, 2016

MINUTES

Members Present: Steve Wingate, Chairman, Mike Phelps, Vice-Chairman, Lloyd Wood, Selectman's Representative, Nancy Byrd, Larry Gil, Mark Howard, Nancy Piper, Members, Keith Garrett, Ray Everest, Alternates.

Member Absent: Kate Nesbit, Member.

Staff Present: Lee Ann Keathley, Secretary.

Chairman Wingate opened the meeting at 5:36 PM.

I. Consideration of Minutes

March 21, 2016

Corrections: Page 3, 1st paragraph; change "David" to "Davis"

It was moved by Nancy Byrd and seconded by Nancy Piper to approve the March 21, 2016 Tuftonboro Conservation Commission minutes as amended. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

March 28, 2016

It was moved by Nancy Byrd and seconded by Nancy Piper to approve the March 28, 2016 Tuftonboro Conservation Commission minutes as submitted. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

April 11, 2016

It was moved by Nancy Byrd and seconded by Nancy Piper to approve the April 11, 2016 Tuftonboro Conservation Commission minutes as submitted. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

II. Discussion Items

A. Taking Action for Wildlife Joint Workshop

Steve Wingate stated he spoke with Dan Coons, Chairman, Wolfeboro Conservation Commission, regarding scheduling a joint Commission meeting to discuss conservation issues.

B. Sale of Town Owned Properties

The BOS has requested the Commission review several Town owned properties and provide a recommendation regarding the sale of such.

Tax Map 42-2-28 Union Wharf Road

Parcel consists of ¾ acre and is 50% wet. The parcel appears to have no corridor for wildlife, vernal pool or conservation value. Mike Phelps noted TM #42-2-29 is also Town owned however, is not being considered for sale. The Commission agreed to table a decision until following a site walk of the property.

It was moved by Nancy Byrd and seconded by Keith Garrett to table consideration of Tax Map #42-2-28 until following a site walk of the property. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

Tax Map 42-2-39 Union Wharf Road

Parcel consists of 1/3 acre. Lloyd Wood noted an abutter is interested in purchasing the property for additional protection of his lot.

It was moved by Mike Phelps and seconded by Nancy Piper to recommend the sale of Tax Map #42-2-39. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

Tax Map 44-1-13 7 Olds Wood Road

Parcel consists of 1 acre and was previously reviewed by the Commission in 2014 with a recommendation to sell the parcel.

It was moved by Mike Phelps and seconded by Nancy Piper to recommend the sale of Tax Map #44-1-13. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

Tax Map 46-3-9 Mountain Road

Parcel consists of 2.7 acres and is 98% cleared with no conservation value.

It was moved by Mike Phelps and seconded by Nancy Piper to recommend the sale of Tax Map #46-3-9. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

Tax Map 46-3-13 Mountain Road

Parcel consists of 2.6 acres and is 98% cleared with no conservation value.

It was moved by Mike Phelps and seconded by Nancy Piper to recommend the sale of Tax Map #46-3-13. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

Tax Map 65-1-1 Lang Pond Road

Parcel consists of 3 acres and is a corner lot on Lang Pond Road and Piper Road, forested and located on a Class VI road.

It was moved by Nancy Piper and seconded by Mike Hodder to recommend the sale of Tax Map #65-1-1. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

Tax Map 67-1-2 Sandy Knoll Road

Parcel consists of 30 acres in an undeveloped area. The Commission reviewed the parcel in 2014 and tabled a recommendation until following the Planning Board decision on the submittal of a Site Plan Review application for an excavation operation. The Planning Board approved the application and the applicant has received final approval. The parcel includes a stream that runs along the western property boundary and another stream that runs through the center of the property, significant wildlife habitat and recreational access. Questioned whether the parcel could be designated as a Town Forest or provide an opportunity for the Town to practice sustainable forestry and educational purposes. Commission recommended a site walk by the BOS.

It was moved by Nancy Byrd and seconded by Mike Phelps to not recommend the sale of Tax Map #67-1-2. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

Tax Map 41-3-3 Union Wharf Road

Parcel consists of 5 acres, significant wetlands associated with 20 Mile Brook watershed and includes habitat for wetland creatures, scenic value, recreational access and watershed protection.

It was moved by Nancy Piper and seconded by Mike Phelps to not recommend the sale of Tax Map #41-3-3. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

Tax Map 70-1-20

17 Beechwood Drive

Parcel is accessed by Tibbetts Road and consists of 10 acres with an abandoned camp on the parcel in addition to oil drums, batteries, cars, etc. Commission agreed the property is a liability.

It was moved by Mike Phelps and seconded by Mark Howard to recommend the sale of Tax Map #70-1-20. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

C. Digitized Maps ~ LRPC

Mark Howard stated LRPC has completed its work on the digitized maps and Dan Callister would attend a meeting for the final presentation of the project.

Keith Garrett noted that the Town's tax maps are inaccurate.

Mark Howard stated he has been in contact with Bill Marcussen to request data directly from Avitar.

D. Great Meadow

Steve Wingate stated the Lester property consists of 16 acres and is 100% wetland with access issues. He stated an appraisal was done for the estate and Ms. Lester would like what the property is worth.

E. Master Plan Update

The Conservation Commission is scheduled on the Planning Board 4/21/16 agenda to discuss the Commission's role in the Master Plan update and time frame for submittal of information.

F. Bioblitz

Keith Garrett stated the article regarding the bioblitz was not in the Tuftonboro Times. He noted he would email the Commission updates regarding events and progress.

G. Well Water Testing Initiative

Nancy Piper stated the Commission is scheduled to insert the Well Water Testing Initiative flyer in the tax bills the week of May 23rd.

Mike Phelps recommended the Town consider include a newsletter with the tax bills in the future. He noted the kits can be stored at Tuftonboro Central School until delivered to NH DES.

H. Mirror Lake Protective Association Report

Nancy Byrd stated the Association continues to review the data submitted by NH DES. She stated a date for the annual meeting has not yet been scheduled.

I. Mirror Lake Watershed Committee Report

Larry Gil stated NH DES requested additional information on the permit submitted by HE Bergeron.

III. NH DES Applications

Matt Young

Mountain Road

TM #46-3-8

New Minimum Impact Expedited application to impact 4800 SF of poorly drained wetland through fire pond construction. Reviewed by Nancy Piper; no objection.

David Warren/#2016-00724

40 Governor Wentworth Highway

TM #63-1-4

New Minimum Impact Expedited application to install a 10'x30' seasonal canopy over an existing U-shaped dock. Reviewed by Steve Wingate; no objection.

Hidden Valley Property Owners Association/#2016-00411
Hidden Valley Drive
TM #69-2-16

Approved Standard Dredge & Fill application to rework an existing sloped beach to a perched beach along an average frontage of 260', reduce beach slope to a 1% slope, provide rock walls to retain sand and provide a 6' access to the water.

IV. Correspondence

- NH Electric Coop Utility Commissions Order
- UNH Cooperative Extension Stewardship Network (training workshops)
- Invoice from LRPC for digitized mapping project in the amount of \$2,000

V. New Business

Town Wide Cleanup

Mark Howard requested assistance with such; noting some sections are open.

Copps Pond

Mark Howard stated he heard heavy machinery on the pond front of the Colby property and questioned whether a NH DES application has been filed.

Town of Wolfeboro Rapid Infiltration Basin (RIB) Site

Steve Wingate stated he spoke to Dave Ford regarding the RIB site and proposed resolution to the Town of Wolfeboro's effluent disposal system. He stated the Town of Wolfeboro's intent is to repair the RIB site and use it in conjunction with the spray fields and proposes a drip irrigation system.

The Commission agreed to invite Dave Ford to the 5/16/16 meeting; meeting to commence at 6 PM if Mr. Ford is available to attend.

VI. Old Business

SB 376

Steve Wingate stated SB 376 (require the NH Fish and Game Department to work with the NH DOT and NH DES to study and establish wildlife corridors) has been passed by the Senate and is now being considered by the House.

It was moved by Mike Phelps and seconded by Nancy Piper to adjourn the April 18, 2016 Tuftonboro Conservation Commission meeting. All members voted in favor.

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 7:48 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lee Ann Keathley

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