

Town of Tuftonboro
Conservation Commision

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Meeting Minutes
March 18th, 2024

Present: Chairman Stephen Scapicchio and Vice Chairman Steven Wingate

Members: Larry Gil, Kate Nesbit, Lynne Walsh, Heather Brown, Mark Howard and Vicki Soletsky

Absent: Mike Phelps and Laurel Podson

Call to Order: Chairman Scapicchio called the meeting to order at 6:31 P.M.

I. Consideration of Minutes

A. January 15th, 2024

1. A motion to accept the minutes with no changes necessary was made by Lynne Walsh and seconded by Mark Howard with the motion passed unanimously.

II. Discussion Item

- A. Chairman Scapicchio presented a few trail signs, that are finished and ready to be posted, to the members of the Commission
- B. Steve Scapicchio asked members for a name of the new trail. Consensus was the new trail should be named Melvin River Trail and the existing trail should be renamed Great Meadow Trail. The trail in between will be named the Connector Trail. A motion to accept a new trail sign for the loop was passed unanimously.

III. Status of Dredge & Fill

- A. The permit application for Mountain Shadows Drive was very complicated. Larry Gil states that this application is a part of a larger subdivision. Gil mentions that this is why it is more complex, due to taking into consideration the other properties surrounding, which happen to be in all different stages of development.
- B. Request for more information at 1 Farm Island was requested from DES to review the proposed utility lines. DES informed 1 Farm Island that the application did not provide enough information in order to be reviewed.
- C. A Wetlands Permit for the non specific site was approved to fix the bankings of the unnamed stream.

IV. Correspondence

- A. Chairman Scapicchio raised \$550 for doing easement monitoring.
- B. \$10k from town this year that is for the Conservation Fund

V. Old Business

- A. Lynne Walsh speaks that the grand opening for Great Meadow will be held on June 15th at 10am. She mentions that there will be speakers and an unveiling of the new sign for Great Meadow
- B. Steve Scapicchio spoke with member Laurel Podson about continuing her work for Earth Day, she has made some good progress and will continue to update the members.
- C. Steve Wingate speaks on the ongoing issue of “No trespassing signs” that are posted on trees at the parking lot starting to the trail. Vice Chairman Wingate wrote a letter to send to the owner of the property in connection with the signs and Chairman Scapicchio approved and will send the letter.

VI. New Business

- A. A warrant article for Carleton property has been approved for \$65k.

- B. Warrant article for another year of testing in 19 Mile brook has been approved.
- C. Warrant article for \$100,000 revolving loan for an updated watershed management plan has been approved.

VII. Non Public Session

- A. No

Adjourn: There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Lynne Walsh and seconded by Heather Brown. Motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Katelyn Hazeltine, Tuftonboro Conservation Commission Secretary
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