

TILTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

July 18, 2016

MINUTES

Members present: Chuck Mitchell, chair; Bob Hardy; Paul Rushlow; Jon Scanlon; Ben Wadleigh; and Kathi Mitchell

Guests: John Swain and Dan Swain

Meeting was called to order by the chair at 7:00 p.m.

- 1. Minutes:** Bob Hardy made a motion to accept the minutes, Paul Rushlow seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.
- 2. John and Dan Swain:** John presented his proposal for his Eagle Scout project to clear trails at Buffalo Park, put up trail markers, repair a stone ford crossing, and build a trailhead kiosk. Bob Hardy said that the trail map needs updating and explained about the various named trails. Bob and Chuck will try to find the shape files to help with updating. The Commission indicated that the use of hand tools is allowed, but that using power tools could present a problem. Dan Swain is certified and insured, so Jon Scanlon will bring that information to the next selectmen's meeting for clarification. Work at the stone ford crossing would need to have approval from historic resources. Bob Hardy suggested that John contact Hal Graham as well as the Historic Resources Bureau. The kiosk could be like the one at Salmon Run or the William Thomas State Forest. John will need to follow the conservation easement regulations regarding the sign/kiosk. Bob will check with Bryant & Lawrence regarding aluminum nails for the trail markers. It was suggested that the Turkey Trail crossing could be improved and isn't historic. Chuck asked about a completion date, and Bob explained that the Eagle Scout Board makes that decision. Bob moved to approve the project and Paul seconded the motion, which was then approved unanimously. There was a discussion of other possible projects for future Eagle Scouts.
- 3. Easement Monitoring:** Bob and Jason Stock will walk Jason's property on September 10. Chuck has been in touch with the manager at Market Basket and with Jerry Chaille at Lochmere Country Club.
- 4. Salmon Run update:** Paul has been watering the newly-planted tree and monitoring the site. Chuck and Kathi have done some weeding. It will be a good idea to use some of the mulch still in the socks.
- 5. Resignation of secretary:** Ben made a motion to accept the resignation of the secretary. Jon seconded the motion, and it was approved with regret.

6. Correspondence:

*Letter supporting Jim Cropsey's request to amend his NH DES approval

* Letter from DOT for Calef Hill Road

*DOT Rte. 3 culvert by Country Rose Lane – the Commission sees no impact. The secretary will send a letter.

- 7. Other:** Jon Scanlon explained about the construction work on the Lowe's detention pond where there is no silt fencing, the overflow pipe seems to have been pulled up, and dumping of vegetative matter in or near the wetlands is a serious concern. The Commission decided to file a complaint with NH DES to have them resolve the matter.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathi Mitchell, Acting Secretary