

TILTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

November 21, 2016

MINUTES

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

Guests: John Swain; Tony Marcotte

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

- 1. John Swain and his Eagle Scout project:** The ribbon-cutting event for the Eagle Scout project at Buffalo Park is scheduled for Saturday, November 26 at 10:00. Chuck will send suggestions for whom to invite to John. Helen suggested contacting the selectmen. The Commissioners offered various ideas for the event.
- 2. Tony Marcotte regarding 149 School Street:** This 60-acre property had a significant logging project in 2014, and has recently been sold. Mr. Marcotte recognizes that there are multiple wetlands areas on the property that will make development difficult. He suggests that the Conservation Commission may want to use the property as part of a wetlands mitigation from another project. The Commissioners showed Mr. Marcotte a Google aerial photo of the lot showing the extent of the logging.
- 3. Minutes:** Paul Rushlow moved to accept the October minutes and Ben Wadleigh seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- 4. Proposal for Planning Board approval at 18 Bittern Lane:** Helen Hanks made the motion to share information with the Planning Board regarding the history of this parcel as well as a copy of the NH DES permit regarding the no-cut-zone along Ice House Pond. Jim Cropsy seconded the motion, which then was approved.
- 5. Town Forest:** The Commission discussed the Community Forest survey from Andrew Fast regarding a town forest. It will need a vote of town meeting to designate an area as well as future management plans. Helen Hanks made a motion to ask Bob Hardy to be the contact person for the project and Kathi Mitchell seconded the motion, with the understanding that the Commission will assist Bob. All approved.
- 6. Salmon Run update:** The Commission approved spending \$300 for maintenance on the site. Helen Hanks moved, Ben Wadleigh seconded, and the motion was approved. Jim Cropsy spoke about a Ducks Unlimited project where he hopes to obtain wildflower

seed which could be used on the site. Turtle-nesting and when to close the gate were discussed.

7. **Budget:** The Commission needs to pay the NHARNS dues. Chuck will contact Tim Pearson to see what monies are available.

8. **Chaille property:** Helen Hanks reported that she sent an email to the Land Use Office regarding the fact that heavy equipment was being used well within the 20-foot buffer at the Chaille snow dump area on Laconia Road. There is a wetland area next to the snow dump which cannot be ignored.

Helen Hanks made a motion to adjourn. Paul Rushlow seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:42 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathi Mitchell, Acting Secretary