

TILTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

January 16, 2017

MINUTES

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

Meeting was called to order by the chair at 7:01 p.m.

- 1. Minutes:** Helen made the motion to approve the December minutes. Bob seconded the motion which was then approved unanimously.
- 2. Town Forest Designation:** Bob has discussed the possibility of having Buffalo Park designated as a Town Forest in addition to its conservation area designation. Bob will send a sample warrant article to the chair to be presented to the selectmen. There was a discussion about the requirements for a Town Forest which could be administered by the Conservation Commission. Members were in agreement that the Buffalo Park Covenant needs to take precedence over any Town Forest designation. Helen made a motion to seek a Town Forest designation for Buffalo Park to be a warrant article for the town to consider in March. Paul seconded the motion and it passed.
- 3. Salmon Run:** Chuck will make sure that Paul is paid for the work that he did at Salmon Run this fall.
- 4. Winnisquam Watershed Network:** Chuck spoke about the January meeting of the WWN at Jay's Marina. He spoke about the structure, mission statement, and future plans that they have to monitor water quality of Lake Winnisquam as well as to deal with milfoil issues. Kathi has contacted Joe Jesseman asking him for information about the status of the Silver Lake Association. She also reviewed payments given to remove milfoil. The Commissioners reiterated that anyone seeking funding from the Capital Reserve Improving and Maintaining Lakes fund must come to the TCC to explain the project and follow up with a report about what was accomplished.
- 5. Correspondence:** Lindsey White from GZA in Bedford emailed the TCC website asking about deadlines for submission of documents for projects. She indicated that she was not ready to submit anything yet. Kathi suggested that Ms. White submit documentation a week prior to a meeting so the members of the Commission could review the materials. Bob made the motion: "Any project that comes before the Tilton Conservation Commission that could possibly impact any wetlands in Tilton shall require electronic documentation at least one week prior to the scheduled meeting." Jon seconded the motion which was then approved unanimously.

6. **Acting secretary:** Helen made a motion, and Paul seconded it, to pay the acting secretary starting in January 2017 for secretarial work performed. The motion passed.
7. **Town Report for 2016:** The members reviewed the proposed report for the Town Report, amended several sections, and suggested pictures of the Earth Day ribbon-cutting, the nesting turtle, and John Swain's Eagle Scout project. Bob made the motion to approve the report, Helen seconded it, and all were in favor.
8. **Snow Dump results (Chaille property/Tanger):** The members reviewed the results but had a number of questions and concerns. All agreed that the results need a careful analysis. Jon Scanlon will review the results from the four documents and report back to the TCC. There was a discussion about professional assistance in the future.
9. **Wetlands Complaints monitoring:** The members would like to receive a report from the town code enforcement office whenever a wetlands complaint is lodged by a resident. The commissioners would like a record of the complaint and its disposition/ resolution for town records. Bob made the motion, Paul seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.
10. **Reappointment of TCC members:** Jon made the motion to reappoint Helen Hanks, Bob Hardy, and Chuck Mitchell for 3-year terms of office. Paul seconded the motion. All were in favor.
11. **Shoreland Protection Permit:** The NH DES website lists Joseph Christi as having applied to remove 3000 square feet of petroleum-contaminated soil to a depth of 8 feet at 927 Laconia Road.
12. **Other:** Bob updated the TCC about the logging operation at Daniels on Pest House Road.

Helen made a motion to adjourn; Paul seconded the motion; all members were in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathi Mitchell, Acting Secretary