

# TILTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

November 20, 2017

## MINUTES

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

Guests: Dean Anson and Thomas Meade from Winnisquam Watershed Network  
Deputy Chief Timothy Joubert

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

1. Thomas Meade described the history of the Winnisquam Watershed Network (WWN) and their goals of monitoring water quality and managing invasive species. He referred to a fall survey taken by Amy Smagula of NH DES that indicated problem areas in the watershed. Jay's Marina area and a location near the Anchorage were identified as in need of milfoil control. Methods of removing milfoil were reviewed, and possible costs were discussed. Mr. Meade indicated that the state of NH will do a 30% match with the various towns.

The Meredith Conservation Commission has already committed funds toward the project, and Dean Anson stated that the Laconia Conservation Commission is expected to pay its fair share. The Belmont Conservation Commission has put money toward paying divers to physically remove milfoil. Amy Smagula will re-survey the areas in the spring and provide a report and a cost estimate.

The Tilton sites cover about 2.1 acres, and it is estimated that the cost of milfoil removal using an herbicide will be around \$1800. Diving costs will be extra. The Commissioners asked about the efficacy of both removal methods. The WWN plans to work with Dari to identify the areas of concern.

The Commissioners explained that they require applicants for this fund to fill out the **TCC application** and to provide **documentation after completion**. They also want to see the **results of any herbicide use/diving results**. There was a discussion about the Jay's Marina site not being a public launch ramp. While the Commissioners spoke of their support for this project, it was agreed that the owners of the two designated sites bear a responsibility for prevention and control of invasive species as well. It was recommended that the Commission send a letter to the Budget Committee to reinstitute the practice of putting money into the Improving and Maintaining Lakes Capital Reserve Fund established in 2007; the town has elected not to include funding for this line item over the last two years because there were no requests.

2. **Lakewood Drive PbN:** Deputy Chief Timothy Joubert presented information about a PbN for Lakewood Drive to install a dry hydrant to address the problem of lack of water for a fire suppression after an incident at the site last year. The Fire Department will pay for the work for the shared association and will be responsible for maintenance. They will also inspect and test the hydrant on a yearly basis. Jim made a motion to approve the PbN for the Lakewood Association project and Paul seconded the motion. All were in favor.

**3. Approval of October minutes:** Bob made a motion to accept the minutes as printed. Paul seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

**4. Old Business:**

a. The Chaille dredge and fill permit is still under technical review.

**5. New Business:**

a. Bill from Paul regarding Salmon Run – Bob made a motion to approve.

Ben seconded, and all were in favor.

b. Stipends – Jim made a motion to approve and Paul seconded the motion, which was then approved.

c. High Street property – After a lengthy discussion, the Commission felt that the best use of the property would be for a park for the community and an open space area. It was suggested that the Park Commission could do this.

Helen made a motion, Jim seconded it, and it was approved.

d. Parking at Salmon Run - The chair read an email from Joyce Fulweiler regarding keeping the parking lot at Salmon Run open and plowed for the winter. The Commissioners recalled that the monitoring wellhead in the parking lot was damaged accidentally during the first winter that it was open which is why the Commission has closed off the lot before the first major snow since then. It appears that the arsenic levels onsite are still well-above normal levels, so it was assumed that the well continues to need to be protected from plowing. If the town is willing to be held accountable for any and all damages that might occur with plowing, then the Commission is willing to let the town plow.

e. Members were reminded that the December meeting will begin at 5:30 p.m. at Town Hall.

**6. Correspondence:**

Eversource Energy dredge and fill application 2017-02402 was approved

Eversource Energy Shoreland PbN 2017-02691 was accepted

Helen made a motion to adjourn at 8:30 pm; Kathi seconded the motion; all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathi Mitchell, Secretary