**TILTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**February 20, 2017
MINUTES**

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

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

1. **Minutes:** Helen made the motion to approve the January minutes. Bob seconded the motion, which was then approved unanimously.
2. **Town Forest Designation Update:** Bob reported that the warrant article was amended by town officials, adding language that the Conservation Commission will manage the Town Forest. It will be voted on at Town meeting. The Selectmen support the designation.
3. **Old Business:**  The commissioners discussed the test results from the snow dump. Jon stated that there was a delay in analyzing the samples so the results cannot be considered accurate. A motion was made by Helen and seconded by Ben to contact the Planning Board explaining that the test samples were not analyzed in a timely manner and the results may not be valid. In addition, the TCC feels that a soil scientist needs to be hired to collect samples and arrange for testing to obtain accurate results for the town, sending the bill to Belknap Landscaping. The motion passed unanimously.

The TCC discussed their interest in having a written response to issues presented to the Land Use Office. They expressed their concern about having accurate records available. Helen will develop a form to offer as a template.

1. **New Business:** There was none.
2. **Correspondence:** The Commission reviewed Shoreland Impact Permit 2017-00057 for Joseph A. Christi to impact 3,000 sq. ft. of protected shoreland in order to excavate contaminated soil. One condition listed was that “no more than 40.7% of the area of the lot within the protected shoreland shall be covered by impervious surfaces unless additional approval is obtained from DES.” There was a question as towho would monitor/enforce this condition.

Jon made a motion to adjourn and Paul seconded it. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

 Respectfully submitted,

 Kathi Mitchell, Secretary