

TILTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

January 21, 2019

MINUTES

Members present: Chuck Mitchell; Bob Hardy; Helen Hanks; Jim Cropsey; Jan Landry; Jon Scanlon; Kathi Mitchell

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

1. **Minutes:** The minutes were reviewed. Bob made a motion to approve, Helen seconded the motion, and all were in favor.
2. **Old Business:**
 - a) **Wooden sign for Salmon Run** – Bob explained that cedar posts only come in 8 foot lengths but he 4 foot sign would need something higher. He offered several options and the commissioners decided that it was advisable to put sonotubes in concrete and attach the cedar posts. We will need to obtain maps of the property indicating where the marker layer ends. Helen volunteered her mother to assist the TCC.
 - b) **Salmon Run RFP for Brush Clearing** – Helen presented an RFP for brush cutting at Salmon Run. It was decided to add a picture of the site indicating where brush would be cut. Shoreland Protection needs to be contacted for advice on rules and regulations. The RFP will also require any applicant to have appropriate insurance. Chuck will check with the town administrator about liability issues and a certificate of insurance. The RFP will specifically say that there will be no use of brontosaurus-type mulchers or excavators. Jon will contact Joe Jesseman to determine what he learned in his contact with NH DES. Chuck will speak to Tim about setting up an all-TCC email group so information can be shared. Jim made a motion to approve the amended RFP. Jan seconded the motion, and all were in favor.
 - c) **Tilton Trail Advisory Committee meeting** – The maintenance plan for thr trail has been approved. There is a plan to work on knotweed eradication. The Committee will prepare a MOU so that all parties will have a clear understanding of what the money is to be used for and how it will be replenished, if used.
3. **New Business:**
 - a) **TCC Report for 2018 Annual Town Report** - The commissioners suggested adding contact information for the Code Enforcement Officer and Town Planner in the section on reporting violations. The secretary will add that information to the TCC website. Helen made the motion to approve, Jim seconded the motion, and all were in favor.
 - b) **Proposed Zoning Ordinances-** While the proposed change to wetlands buffers has been removed for this year, there is still a proposed amendment (#4) that would remove the current requirement to shut lights off after 11:30. Since the ordinance applies to all districts in town, some expressed concern about the effects of the removal of this language.

4. Correspondence:

* NH DES 2018-02840 Sellars/Hughes Bittersweet Lane – permit has been approved

5. Other:

Bob explained that the Park Commission and the Winnisquam Ag Center staff and students are interested in adding a physical education loop along the Bear Trail. There was also a discussion about building a bridge to cross the brook on the south end of the Buffalo Trail. Bob and Peter Fogg will work with the students and their teachers. The commissioners felt it was a good idea.

Jon made a motion to adjourn; Jim seconded the motion; the meeting was adjourned at 7:53p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathi Mitchell, secretary