

TILTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

October 21, 2019

MINUTES

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

Guests: Stephanie Surowiec; Thomas Mead; Jonathan Meunier; Terry Threlfall

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

1. WWN: Thomas Mead of the Winnisquam Watershed Network reviewed the targeted herbicide project for Lake Winnisquam in Tilton. The \$2000 approved by the TCC for 2018 was carried over to the 2019 season use of the herbicide Procellacor near Jay's Marina. In addition, divers used suction equipment for harvesting milfoil in the area near the Travelodge and the last cove of the lake as it enters the Winnepesaukee. They spent 19 hours and harvested 290 gallons of milfoil from the Tilton area of Lake Winnisquam. The WWN received a grant from NH DES to assist with the summer's work on the lake. Mr. Mead presented the cost of the 2019 work with Tilton's share being \$3,107.50.

MOTION: Helen made a motion to approve \$3107.50 for milfoil harvesting on Lake Winnisquam during the 2019 summer to be taken from the Capital Reserve Improving and Maintaining Lakes Fund. Ben seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

Mr. Mead also explained about the VRAP water quality monitoring that the WWN has been conducting. The Lake Host Program involves having a person at a boat launch to check boats for milfoil or other issues such as snails. In 2019, there was an intern available on weekends, but they are hoping to have someone fulltime in 2020. Next year's total budget will be over \$50,000 with Tilton's share in the range of approximately \$6000. The WWN will again be working with NH DES.

2. Silver Lake Association: Jonathan Meunier and Terry Threlfall spoke about the milfoil work completed on Silver Lake during 2019. They received a 25% matching grant from NH DES and \$1731.25 from the town of Belmont. The Tilton TCC approved \$2000 at the May 20, 2019 TCC meeting, provided the Commission received a copy of the signed contract. Documentation was presented to the Commission.

MOTION: Jim made a motion to expend \$2000 from the Capital Reserve Improving and Maintaining Lakes Fund the Silver Lake Association. The motion was approved unanimously. Further discussion ensued regarding next year's potential costs for milfoil removal estimated at approximately \$2000. There was a discussion about milfoil being the primary problem, but other invasives are also an issue.

3. Minutes: MOTION: Bob made a motion to approve the September minutes. Jon seconded the motion. The motion passed with two abstentions.

4. Old Business:

a) **Salmon Run maintenance:** An email from Alyssa Norton regarding issues on the site was reviewed. It

was noted that a fence post has been damaged. Chuck will contact the fencing company about repairing the fence.

b) Stephanie Surowiec: Stephanie is in attendance to discuss her senior project and a bridge proposal for Buffalo Park. Ms. Surowiec wants to work on a timber management plan for Buffalo Park in consultation with Bob Hardy. The TCC supports this project and is grateful for her interest. The WRHS Agriculture Center is interested in using felled trees to create a bridge over Packer Brook. While motorized vehicles are not allowed in Buffalo Park, it is possible to use them if doing maintenance on the trails. The trails cannot be changed, but it would be possible to have the students move downed trees with the tractor to the correct location. The students would be covered by the district's insurance. They could use the Alaskan sawmill. Some dead trees could be cut if it is determined that they are not too unsound.

c) Hussman property abuts Buffalo Park: TCC members recall a site walk where the property in question was somewhat too wet for members to reach Buffalo Park.

d) Bulb planting: update for Tilton's 150th Celebration

e) Moose Plate Grant: update

f) Stream Restoration workshop: Jim Cropsey attended and reported that culverts in Tilton have not been mapped. He will contact Public Works about culverts that might frequently flood. The mapping project is designed to protect people and public and private property in the community as well as endangered species. While there are a number of state roads in Tilton, this plan is for public and private property and all culverts, both public and private.

g) Non-Public Session – RSA 91-A3, II(d) Consideration of the acquisition, sale or lease of real or personal property which, if discussed in public, would likely benefit a party or parties whose interests are adverse to those of the general community. At 8:24 a motion was made by Helen, seconded by Jim to enter into a non-public session: Chuck, yes; Jim, yes; Bob, yes; Helen, yes; Paul, yes; Jon, yes; Ben, yes; Kathi, yes. At 8:47 Helen made a motion to come out of non-public and Bob seconded the motion. All were in favor.

h) MOTION: Helen made the motion, which was seconded by Bob, to pay \$95 to cover Jim's attendance at the Stream Restoration workshop. The majority was in favor with one abstention.

4. New Business: There was none.

5. Correspondence:

NHACC Annual Meeting November 2, 2019

NH DES 2019-03023 Shoreland Impact Permit for Angela/Karl Makin 9 Pearl Street Tilton

NHACC dues for 2020

Trails for People brochure

Helen made a motion to adjourn at 9:10 p.m. Paul seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

The next meeting will be on **November 18, 2019** at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathi Mitchell, secretary