

# TILTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

July 15, 2019

## MINUTES

Members present: Helen Hanks, Vice Chair; Bob Hardy, Vice Chair; Jim Cropsey; Jan Landry; Paul Rushlow; Ben Wadleigh; Kathi Mitchell

**Meeting was called to order by the Vice-Chair Helen Hanks at 7:01 p.m.**

**1. Minutes:** Paul made a motion to approve the June minutes. Ben seconded the motion. All were in favor.

**2. Old Business:**

**a) Salmon Run Signage:** Special thanks to Katherine Dawson, Bob Hardy, Paul Rushlow, and Chuck Mitchell for all their fine work putting in the Salmon Run sign.

**b) Salmon Run maintenance:** The Commissioners reviewed timelines for scattering wildflower seeds and discussed the need to mow in September. A bush hog will probably be needed. Paul will be hired to do this task.

**c) Conservation Easement:** It was discussed that the chair should use the language from the original easement to present to the Selectboard for use on the second parcel.

**d) 2019 Credere report:** The Commissioners had already received the .pdf version via email. They reviewed the summary, noting the issues that persist. It is another reason why an easement is needed on the parcel.

**e) RFP for brushcutting:** One bid was received from Dylan McGuffin. There was a question about the square footage to be cut. It appears the orange-marked trees will not be cut. The chair should discuss this with Dylan. This may be a task that needs to be done yearly to prevent invasives from returning. The Commission should build this into the budget for 2020. Jim made a motion to accept the McGuffin bid of \$1200 provided it can be completed by August 7 (or August 15 at the latest). The Town will pick up the remnants and dispose of them. Bob seconded the motion, and all were in favor. Paul suggests that it will be important to spray the roots as Dylan finishes cutting them, so he should be notified when Dylan will be doing the work.

**4. New Business:**

**a) Wetlands Permit Application for Town of Tilton:** The Commission notes that five copies of the application are needed to be signed, the Heritage form is not present, a copy of the MOU would be helpful to facilitate this application, the area on the tax map should be highlighted, and it would be prudent to note the 250' setback from the river. The suggestions were made to help ensure a speedier acceptance by DES.

Ben made a motion to support the application as soon as the suggestions are completed. Paul seconded the motion and all were in favor. Helen and Bob will sign when the applications are ready. Jan Landry will be reviewing information about Designated Rivers to present at the August meeting since the Commissioners had some questions.

**b) 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 8:07 p.m., Jim made the motion to go into Non-Public Session and Ben seconded the motion. Hanks, yes; Hardy, yes; Cropsey, yes; Rushlow, yes; Wadleigh, yes.

It was determined that a site walk would be in order.

At 8:19 p.m. Ben made a motion to leave nonpublic session which was seconded by Jim and all were in favor. Bob made a motion to seal the minutes and Paul seconded the motion. Hanks, yes; Hardy, yes; Cropsey, yes; Rushlow, yes; Wadleigh, yes.

**Correspondence:** NH DES Land Resources Management File #2017-01082 Tax map R04/Lot3  
Brightfields 2019 New England in Manchester, NH on July 23

**Other:**

Paul made a motion to adjourn at 8:23 p.m. Jim seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

The next meeting will be on August 19, 2019 at 7:00.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathi Mitchell, secretary