

TILTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

December 21, 2020

MINUTES

VIRTUAL MEETING

Members present: Chuck Mitchell, Chair; Bob Hardy; Helen Hanks; Jan Landry; Paul Rushlow; Jon Scanlon; and Kathi Mitchell

Meeting was called to order by the Chair at 7:01 p.m.

1. The Chair read a Right-To-Know Law Meeting Checklist in accordance with Governor Sununu's Emergency Order #12, pursuant to Executive Order 2020-04, that this Board is authorized to meet electronically, providing public access by telephone dialing 1-866-899-4679 and using pin 238-034-701. Anyone who is interested can participate by clicking on <http://global.gotomeeting.com/join/238034701>. All votes taken will be by a roll call vote. The Chair then held a roll call of members present and asked others present to introduce themselves and to declare if they were alone in the room.
2. **Minutes:** Helen made a motion to accept the minutes, and Bob seconded the motion. The members present voted unanimously in favor by a roll call vote.
3. **Old Business:**
 - a) **Loon Project** – Jan updated the members that she has been in contact with the Northfield Conservation Commission and they are interested in participating. She has also spoken with Pam Hunt of NH Audubon regarding an article with photos for their member newsletter. Jan is continuing to make additional contacts for the project. She will meet with the Parks Commission in March and the Winnisquam Watershed Network at a later date.
4. **New Business:**
 - a) **TCC email contact information** – Tim has provided the TCC with a way to share information via email – tcc@tiltonnh.org
 - b) **Proposed solar ordinance** – Jon has done extensive research into solar ordinance guidance for the planning board and residents to balance the needs of all and to protect rural areas, farms, and wildlife corridors. He has submitted the information to both the TCC and the planning board and is hopeful that the proposed ordinance may be considered this year. The commission had questions about the compatibility of a solar farm with activities in an agricultural zone. There were concerns about issues with freestanding panels as opposed to roof-mounted panels. The visibility of an array of panels of a solar farm should also be considered. The TCC will review the proposed ordinance at its January meeting.

c) Annual Report from the TCC for the Town Report – the secretary will take the ideas presented and prepare a written report to be presented at the January meeting.

d) Timely response from Land Use office – The TCC continues to be concerned about timely communication between the Land Use office and the Planning Board. We hope to be able to work more collaboratively with them. Chuck will address this matter.

e) NH DES File #2020-02970 14 A Hill Road – The TCC and town officials received notice from Jeffrey Blecharczyk of NH DES that all work at the site should cease until a shoreland application is received and that additional investigation and enforcement action will follow. Helen made a motion to contact the Land Use office and Code Enforcement Officer to inquire whether a building permit was issued. Bob seconded the motion, and all were in favor following a roll call vote.

5. Other: Jon provided budget information and details for the coming year. A budget hearing will be held in February.

6. Paul made the motion to adjourn which was seconded by Helen.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 pm after a unanimous vote by roll call of each member present.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathi Mitchell, secretary