

TILTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
September 21, 2020
MINUTES

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

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

1. **Minutes:** Helen made a motion to accept the minutes and Bob seconded the motion. All were in favor.
2. **Old Business:**
 - a) **Statutory Permit-by-Notification issues** – Bob reported on a conversation with a local conservation commissioner who stated that they do not sign-off on SPNs because NH DES has not provided the requisite training for the new guidelines. They have requested such training, but none has been forthcoming. After discussion, it was decided to have the secretary send a letter requesting regional and/or virtual training sessions regarding how conservation commissions should handle the variety of new SPNs.
 - b) **Tree removal at 80 East Main Street-** The construction crew appears to have removed trees in the wildlife corridor prior to the fire training exercise. Chuck read emails provided by the fire department regarding the TCC’s concerns. It was noted that silt fencing has been installed.
 - c) **Winnisquam Watershed Network** – Chuck was asked to be on their board of directors and has agreed, so he will be able to report back on their activities. They noted that the drawdown of Lake Winnisquam will commence starting October 17. The lake will be drawn down two feet, although with the drought, it already is lower than usual. Water will be released by the end of October.
 - d) **Silver Lake Association** – The SLA was notified after the last meeting that additional information was needed. There has been no news yet, but the secretary will contact them again.
3. **New Business: none**
4. **Correspondence:**
 - **NH DES 2020-02286 Forestry Intent to Cut 106 March Road – Incomplete Wetlands SPbN
The TCC asked the Land Use Office whether an Intent to Cut had been filed. The Administrative Assistant responded that it had, but with no further details.
 - ** Rowell’s Services 490 Laconia Road Site Plan Application -Information was provided to the TCC the day before the applicant went before the Zoning Board even though information was provided to the Planning Board at least ten days earlier. The TCC would appreciate it if the land Use Office could provide information received to the commission if it references natural resources of any kind. The secretary was asked to communicate this information to the Land Use office.
 - ** NH DES 2020-03069 Shoreland Impact Amendment Request 50 Crystal Lane
 - ** NH DES 2020-02366 Shoreland 67 Andrews Road

5. **Other: Mowing at Salmon Run** – The chair is to contact town officials about mowing the conservation area; HOWEVER, it is imperative to not rake any of the materials since they will add nutrients to the soil and this practice will keep the wildflower seeds in place for next season.
6. Helen made the motion to adjourn which was seconded by Jan. The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 pm after a unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathi Mitchell, secretary