

# TILTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

March 22, 2021

## MINUTES

### VIRTUAL MEETING

Members present: Chuck Mitchell, Chair; Jim Cropsey; 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 February minutes, and Paul seconded the motion. The members present voted unanimously in favor of the minutes by a roll call vote.
3. **Old Business:**
  - a) **Loon Project** – Jan has been in contact with the Northfield Conservation Commission about this project. She will prepare a written article for interested parties and for a press release.
  - b) **Winnisquam Watershed Network** – Chuck reported that the WWN is interested in the Loon project. It was suggested that project should partner with the lead sinker group. Chuck explained that the WWN is concerned about the future of Ahern State Park as the state considers selling the Laconia State School property. Ahern is a prime bird watching area as well as a recreational area. The commission needs more information. Jan will look into whether it is a designated area for birding. Helen made a motion for the TCC to send a letter to state officials strongly advocating that Ahern remain a state park with public access for recreation and birding. Jan seconded the motion, and all were in favor following a roll call vote. It was suggested that the TCC contact state rep Juliet Harvey-Bolia as well.
  - c) **Earth Day 2021 plans** – The TCC supports a challenge to the community to post pictures of what residents are doing to celebrate Earth Day. The Parks Commission is heading up a clean-up at Buffalo Park on April 17 from nine to noon. Bob showed a poster that has been prepared which we can post on the TCC Facebook page and the website.
  - d) **Town Meeting** – The decision regarding Bittern Lane was discussed. Members expressed concern about the February 9, 2021 Planning Board minutes which wrongly stated that the

engineer for MB Tractor had been in communication with the TCC and that the commission was satisfied with the project. It was also of concern that the Land Use Office said that “they”(??) had met with the TCC and “all has been resolved”. This is not true or accurate. Jon will attend the March 23 Planning Board meeting to try to resolve the misunderstanding.

**4. New Business:**

**a) Reappointments** – There is some confusion at Town Hall regarding when some terms for commissioners end. Chuck, Helen, and Bob were approved last year and are in place until 2023. Jim’s term goes until 2022. The remaining members and alternates will be appointed for three-year terms. Members will complete the appropriate paperwork needed and their names will be forwarded to the selectboard. Kathi will make an appointment with the town clerk to be sure that all the paperwork is in order.

**b) Election of Officers** – Bob made a motion, seconded by Helen, to approve Chuck as chair for 2021-2022. The roll call vote was unanimous. Chuck made a motion, seconded by Paul, to approve Helen and Bob as vice-chairs. Kathi – yes; Paul- yes; Jan – yes; Jim -yes; Jon – yes.

**5. Correspondence:**

a) NH DES File #2021-00272 Wetlands and Non-Site Specific permit for 1023 Laconia Road Laura Frechette and Debra Hamel to replace a failing retaining wall.

b) NH DES File # 2021-00440 Shoreland application from Sail View Inc. 1015 Laconia Road - more information requested

**6. Other:**

**a)** There was a report of a possible wetlands violation in the brook next to KRM Landscaping. Pat Consentino reported it to the Land Use Office and provided pictures. There has been no response yet from the Land Use office.

**b)** News reports show that The Anchorage has been sold. It appears that there will be no changes this year. Concern was expressed about the future use of the property.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kathi Mitchell, secretary