

TILTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

June 21, 2021

MINUTES

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

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

1. **Minutes:** Jim made a **motion** to accept the May minutes, and Bob seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a majority vote.

2. **Old Business:**
 - a) **Loon Project** – Jan stated that the stickers have been ordered and the materials for building receptacles for used fishing line have been purchased. There are enough for five receptacles and they will be assembled this weekend. An article about the project will appear in the spring issue of the NH Audubon Society.

 - b) **June 5 Cleanup at Salmon Run**– Ryan and Shannon weeded the perennials garden and spread mulch several days later. Pictures can be found on the TCC website. Helen made a **motion**, seconded by Bob, to pay the invoice of \$325. All were in favor. Ryan and Shannon did a terrific job. Chuck will send a thank you to Kevin and the Public Works crew for their invaluable assistance.

3. **New Business:**
 - a) **NH DOT Slope Rehab Project 2021-M313-1** – There was an extensive discussion with many questions about the nature and scope of this project. Concerns about the impact of the project on river flow and downstream impacts were presented. The DOT letter also referenced mitigation for the potential environmental impacts associated with this project. It is not known whether the Selectboard has developed a Top Ten Priority List for the Town. The Commissioners offered the following suggestions:
 - 1) Stabilize the Island – stones and banking
 - 2) Stabilize the historic Truesdell Truss bridge
 - 3) Purchase land for a town beach
 - 4) Repair/replace culverts that may cause flooding
 - 5) Remediate sediment control issues
 - 6) Remediate drainage problems near Timetable Mabel
 - 7) Fishing pier at Salmon Run
 - 8) Green space for recreation
 - 9) Preserve farmland and forest areas

There was a discussion about inviting the engineer to come to a public hearing to discuss the project.

It is somewhat concerning that the project is scheduled to begin this fall (2021) and that timeline means that discussion might be limited. It was suggested that Ken Norton should be contacted because the kayakers utilize the river and might be impacted by any changes in river flow or function. Mitigation questions were reviewed and discussed. The commissioners will continue to work on this matter.

b) Wetlands Permit 2019-03918 conditions – There was a question about whether conditions set by NH DES had been met regarding Wetlands Permit 2019-03918. The TCC was not notified in writing prior to work being done in the wetlands and wetlands buffer. The response from Town Hall was that the permits had been issued and that the Planning Board had approved the site plan. There was no mention about monitoring or whether the work was being completed in accordance with the permits. Questions regarding this matter were sent to NH DES, but no response has been forthcoming so far.

c) Citizen concern re: Colby Road property R 17 Lot 12 A1 – A Tilton resident who wished to remain anonymous reported the presence of a backhoe that appeared to be working in a “mucky” area on the Colby Road property. The TCC chair visited the site, took pictures, and notified Town Hall. Their response was that the ZBA and Planning Board had both approved the project and that the TCC had been notified prior to approval. Again, there was no indication that anyone or any group in town monitors work being done after approval is given to a project in Tilton.

4 . Correspondence:

- a) Credere Test Well report – There was no information about future testing or final status.
- b) Timber Harvest Notification – Jasen and Nancy Stock
- c) Shoreland Permit application – 14 Murphy Lane R 09 Lot 004 – approved by NH DES
- d) Leonard Lord email re: utility maintenance project with wetland impact

5. Other: none

Helen made the **motion to adjourn** which was seconded by Jim. All were in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathi Mitchell, secretary