

TILTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

September 20, 2021

MINUTES

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

Guests: Eric Buck; David Coppage; Andrew Duguay; Mario Focareto; Joshua Marceau

Meeting was called to order by the Chair at 7:03 p.m.

1. JA Landscaping– The applicants explained that they have 20 employees and are currently located in Franklin. They have purchased the property at 477 Laconia Road to house their business, and they say that there will be no retail activities at the site. They plan to keep the curb cuts on Silver Lake Road and along Route 3. They will be constructing a 60’ by 60’ building on the property for maintenance of their trucks and equipment.

Mulch, sand, and stones will be stored in bins along/near the back of the property. When asked about storing salt, they indicated that they do not plan to store salt on the site and indicated that they intend to travel to Franklin to pick up any salt needed. Snow storage does not seem to be adequately defined for the site given the number of employees (their vehicles) and equipment that will need to access on the site during snow events.

The engineer included figures for the hundred-year storm data and indicated that there would be no problems. There will be a bio-retention system in place with run-off entering the stream. They believe they will be able to lower both the speed and the volume of run-off through swales and the use of the forebay. David Coppage, an abutter, spoke about how his property is flooded every time there is any rain event because the water is being drained from 477 Laconia Road onto his property. It was suggested by the TCC that a berm and other measures will be needed to address this issue.

Mulch and sand stored on site will not have covers. The TCC mentioned how a previous owner had problems with mulch debris ending up in the river. The applicant said they guarantee that the forebay and the swale will prevent this problem.

Some vehicle maintenance will take place in the new building. The TCC strongly suggests that an oil/water/sediment separator be installed inside the new 60’x60’ building to trap oil and other fluids. Concern was expressed about ice and snow melting in the building and whether vehicles will need to be washed. There was a question about fueling the various vehicles. If this is to happen on site, there would need to be a concrete fueling pad with a proper drain and a trap. It was mentioned that there is a fuel pump/tank currently on the property. Its condition is not known at this time.

They indicated that they did not plan to fence in trash dumpster; the TCC would prefer them to be fenced to avoid trash blowing around.

2. August Minutes – The August minutes were amended. Helen made a **motion** to approve the amended minutes. Paul seconded the motion, and a majority approved.

3. Old Business:

- a) **Two Keach reports (Aug.5 and Sept. 14) for the U-Haul Project-** The plans for a single leach field have been modified to include two leach fields. They also intend to have signs which indicate that snow storage is not allowed in areas near the wetlands or wetland buffers.
- b) **Selectboard re: mitigation priorities-** Chuck and three other members of the TCC met with the Selectboard to review mitigation priorities. The TCC is still waiting for the new plans from NH DOT. The commission will contact other stakeholders for input about priorities
- c) **Loon Project** – More information is needed. This will be discussed next month.
- d) **WWN Invoice for milfoil** – The chair is waiting to receive an invoice for completed work

4. New Business:

- a) **Silver Lake Association request for milfoil reimbursement** – There were questions about how much of the milfoil removal was done on the Tilton side of Silver Lake as opposed to the Belmont side. Also, there were questions about how much time the divers spent on milfoil removal in Tilton. The secretary will contact the SLA for more information. The commissioners also noted the need to add more questions to the application for funding. It was decided to request a map and pictures showing where the work was being done as well as a question about funding received from other sources. The problem of the profusion of knotweed in Tilton was also discussed.
- b) **2022 Budget** – Given the current economic climate, it was decided to level-fund the 2022 budget.

5. Correspondence:

- a) NH DOT File #2021-02740 emergency authorization to replace box culvert
- b) NH DES File #2021-02904 SPbN ROW Inspection and Maintenance

5. Other:

- a) **Salmon Run** – Ryan Scanlon has been working at the site to remove taller weeds. Ben made a **motion** to approve payment of \$200 to Ryan Scanlon for 8 hours work at the site. Helen seconded the motion and all were in favor. The chair was asked to contact Town Hall about having the property mowed. There was a request that grass clippings be left on the property so the wildflowers can reseed.
- b) **WRTA Trail** – The town administrator emailed Chuck about the overgrown trail on the Tilton side. Chuck has been in contact with Iris Ianello of WRTA. He will also call a meeting of the Trail Advisory Committee to review their charge and discuss the situation.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathi Mitchell, secretary