

TILTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

February 21, 2022

MINUTES

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

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

1. **Minutes:** Bob made a **motion**, which was seconded by Paul, to accept the December 2021 minutes. All were in favor (Helen abstained). Helen made a **motion** to accept the January 2022 minutes. Bob seconded the motion. All were in favor.
2. **Old Business:**
 - a) **Proposed Policy for expedited permits** – The proposed policy was presented at the December 2021 and January 2022 meetings of the TCC. Further discussion ensued, and there were several amendments to the policy as presented. Helen made a **motion** to approve the policy as amended, and Paul seconded the motion. All were in favor.
 - b) **Crede Test results and future issues** – The commissioners reviewed the levels of arsenic, dissolved iron, oxygen reduction potential (ORP) and dissolved oxygen (DO) as reported by Crede in regard to Salmon Run. Monitoring wells 2 and 5R do not seem to be showing improvement. The January email from Crede that was shared with Chuck mentions the concept of placing a deed restriction on the property. The TCC had planned to merge the two lots and to place the same restrictive language on both parcels as a way to protect the property and its usage. The same lawyer prepared both deeds for the town so it should be easier to have him complete the lot merger. The TCC may have funds to accomplish this change. This matter will be reviewed in early April and then presented to the Selectboard.
 - c) **Results of Joint Meeting with PB and ZBA** – The members reviewed the items presented and noted that there were some that seemed to be missing. They had been listed on chart paper at the November joint meeting. It was suggested that the original charts might still be available.
 - d) **Salmon Run fishing access question** – Steep slopes at the site are an impediment to easy access. It might be possible to clear some brush, but building stairs or structures could be an environmental problem. More discussion and review will be needed.
 - e) **Snow disposal in Tilton** – This matter has long been a concern of the commission. The question is how to prevent unregulated snow removal which may impact the town negatively. The members will continue to discuss this matter at future meetings.
 - f) **State-owned property in Tilton** – Commissioners had requested this information last fall, and the secretary provided a chart of NH DES and NH DOT properties and locations.
3. **New Business:**
 - a) **School Street flooding concerns** – Two School Street residents emailed Jon Scanlon and the TCC about flooding issues on their property as well as on School Street. Members recalled concerns that Ben Wadleigh had expressed in January 2018 when the Country Meadows developers came to the TCC. At that time, there were a number of questions and concerns about run-off from the new project. The secretary was tasked with

locating that information in the past minutes. While the TCC is very concerned about the problem, we do not have the ability or the authority to remedy the situation. The secretary was asked to contact the property owners and to have them meet with the Selectboard and/or the Land Use office in hopes that a solution to this problem can be found. It was also noted that the secretary should email the appropriate town officials so that they are aware of the issues.

b) ARM Grant – NH DES sent an email with information about pre-proposals for ARM projects. The TCC observed that this might be an avenue to receive funding for bank stabilization projects for the Island and fishing access at Salmon Run where the steep banks are an impediment. The secretary was asked to contact the Town Administrator to suggest that the Town might wish to prepare such a grant proposal since funds are available in 2022. The link for more information - <https://www.des.nh.gov/business-and-community/loans-and-grants/aquatic-resource-mitigation-fund>

c) Spring Projects at Salmon Run and Buffalo Park – Bob said that there will be a work day on May 14 at Buffalo Park similar to last year where students from the WRHS Ag Center will be assisting.

4. Correspondence:

- a) **NH DES File #2022-0087** Daniel Chisholm 589 Laconia Road – approved
- b) **NH DES File #2022-00194** Jay's Marina 927 Laconia Road – under review
- c) **NH DES File #2021-03539** Pat/Sukie Clark 55 Calef Hill Road – approved
- d) **NH DES File #2021-03314** Brad/Vicki Ewens Silver Lake Road – approved
- e) **Tilton ZBA Case ZB 22-02** Vote to approve COP Tilton 95 Business Park Drive
- f) **Federal Energy Regulatory Commission** Emergency Action Plans for Ayers Island and Eastman Fall projects
- g) **NH DES** Letter of Closure for Letter of Deficiency 997 Laconia Road
- h) **Email from Mrs. Forrester** re: NH DOT Project #2021-M313-1

5. Other: Members discussed town issues of interest and concern.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathi Mitchell, secretary