

TILTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

September 19, 2016

MINUTES

Members present: Chuck Mitchell, chair; Jim Cropsey; Bob Hardy; Helen Hanks; Paul Rushlow; and Kathi Mitchell, alternate.

Guest: Jessica Bailey from Bryan Bailey Associates

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

- 1. Minutes:** Paul Rushlow made a motion to accept the minutes, Bob Hardy seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.
- 2. Lochmere CC:** Permit by Notification request to do pond maintenance and dredging near the maintenance building because the main pond is getting clogged. They are not expanding the pond but will be affecting about 7,000 square feet. Paul asked about the original depth of the man-made pond and the composition of the bottom layers. Bob questioned where the organics of aquatic decomposition would be placed after removal. Other questions referenced whether a certified wetland scientist would be monitoring the project and what erosion controls would be used. Ms. Bailey stated that they want to complete the project this fall and not in the spring. It was decided that Ms. Bailey would respond to the questions via email, and the commissioners would have to opportunity to comment.
- 3. Salmon Run:** The trail seems to be in decent shape. There is a concern about the knotweed along the fence as well as along the bank. Paul will look into the invasives along the bank and will mow the conservation area. Jim will bring the special material to prepare an area for turtle nesting. Paul spoke about the cost of renewing his license for spraying. Jim made a motion to share the cost of licensing. Bob Hardy seconded the motion, and it was approved. Jim made a motion and Bob seconded it to support the purchase of a rechargeable, battery-driven sprayer to control invasive species. It was discussed that the town could rent the device to other communities. The motion was approved.
- 4. At 8:10 p.m.** Helen made a motion, seconded by Bob to enter into a non-public session as per RSA 91-A:3, as it pertains to consideration of the acquisition, sale, or lease of real or personal property which, if discussed in public, would likely benefit a party or parties

whose interests are adverse to those of the general community. The motion was adopted unanimously. At 8:20 p.m. the meeting reconvened to the public session. Helen made a motion, which Paul seconded, to look into the matter of a certain town property which was intended to be a part of the town's park system and to encourage the selectmen and the park commission to place an easement on the property, if need be. The motion passed.

5. Correspondence:

- * NH DES Guidoboni dock permit #2013-01362 at 603 Laconia Road
- * NH DES Shoreland Protection Shalimar Resort #2016-02324 at 645 Laconia Road
- * Culvert replacement on Calef Hill Road
- * FEMA letter
- * Postcard

6. Other: * Kathi will send out the notices from the Winnisquam Watershed Network so all members are aware of the website, Facebook page, and activities

* Bob reported about the Swain project at Buffalo Park and the two new segments of trail. Bob has completed a new, more accurate map for Buffalo Park.

* The dead and downed trees at the park are an issue as are the encroaching invasives. Chuck suggested that easement monitoring funds might be able to be used. Bob stated that work needs to be done near the parking lot as well. Stonework and culvert work at Buffalo Park could be a good project for another Eagle Scout. Bob wants to have steps built down to the brook banking near the parking lot. He will contact Hal Graham and possibly set up a work day.

* There was a short discussion about the Hazel Lawrence property which abuts Buffalo Park.

Helen made the motion to adjourn. Paul seconded it. All were in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathi Mitchell, Acting Secretary