

# TILTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

May 15, 2017

## MINUTES

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

**Meeting was called to order by the chair at 7:02 p.m.**

- 1. Minutes:** Helen made a motion to approve the April minutes. Paul seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved.
- 2. Eversource** – They are working on lines from Franklin Falls to Laconia. Currently, workers have placed planks on the ground across from Dave Wadleigh's home. While they are using planks, there are many ruts which are filled with water. Ben will discuss restoration with them.
- 3. Salmon Run maintenance:** Thanks to all who worked at the property on Saturday. Mowing concerns need to be discussed with Brock Mitchell and the Public Works team. A path along the river and another path across the front will allow foot traffic. There should also be a mowed path to the Dodge tree. Jon spoke about the message board on the kiosk which needs updating. There should be a recognition of people who assisted, maps of the trail, pictures, and turtle signage. The secretary will prepare a list. The TCC found old pipes and left them in a pile for Public Works. Also, there are piles of brush, both with and without thorns. Jim will be planting snowdrops around the shadblow tree. There was a discussion about stone pavers to be placed at the base of the tree. Paul will be taking care of the property. Helen moved and Ben seconded the motion to approve the stone pavers. All were in favor.
- 4. WRTA Trail:** WRTA will repair the chain link fence but there may be a short delay since the fence company is booked solid. Bob said the fallen tree has been cut down. WRTA and the town need to establish an advisory committee to meet and discuss issues as they arise.
- 5. Report of Concern:** Helen will finalize the report for the next meeting.
- 6. School Street property owned by the town:** It was agreed that the selectboard has to provide a commitment to the project and then the property needs to be researched. The TCC will pay for this as well as other legal necessities. Helen will try to attend the selectboard meeting on Thursday when Jon presents the motion. The chair feels that a short and concise conservation easement needs to be placed on the property. The members liked Jon's suggestion of a sign regarding Wakefield's Crossing.
- 7. Snow Dump:** Chuck updated the commissioners about his correspondence with NH DES regarding the test results provided by Belknap Landscaping. There was a discussion about the lack of vegetation around the site and whether there may have been any spraying. The commissioners will monitor this site.
- 8. Correspondence: \*\*NH DES Land Resources Management File #2017-01082 Tax Map R04/Lot#3  
\*\*NH DES Wetlands Bureau File #2017-00750 Tax Map U02/Lot 47**

The Commissioners expressed surprise that the March plans had been modified and they have little information about the changes or the needs for modifications. The plans have been significantly expanded and the configuration of the docks has been changed and increased. Also, the four-foot walkway has been approved as a six-foot walkway. The application does state that the current owner, who removed the

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restoration plantings, cannot begin construction work until the wetland and waterfront buffer restoration planting as shown on the May 8, 2017 plans has been completed.

9. Helen made a motion to adjourn and Kathi seconded it. All were in favor.  
The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathi Mitchell, Secretary