

TILTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
September 18, 2017
MINUTES

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

Meeting was called to order by the chair at 7:05 p.m.

- 1. Approval of August minutes:** Jim made a motion to accept the minutes as printed. Paul seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

- 2. Old Business:**
 - a. Dodge-Wakefield sign:** The chair reported that the new sign for the wildlife corridor on School Street had been installed by the Public Works Department.
 - b. Bittern Lane:** There are a number of issues involved in regards to water testing and, ultimately, it is not the responsibility of the Conservation Commission, but it is something that the Selectboard needs to consider and make any decisions. Jim will look into information about generic testing services offered by a firm with which he is familiar.
 - c. Island Park erosion:** The chair reviewed a meeting with Josh from Stonehenge who made it clear that the project would be more involved than merely moving stones into place. The secretary noted that the original warrant article (2012) required an engineering study to be prepared before any construction could begin.

- 3. New Business:**
 - a. NH Solar Garden meeting:** The chair gave an overview of the introductory meeting with the Selectboard and Mr. Kellar. There were a number of unanswered questions and concerns.

- 4. Correspondence:**
 - a.** NH DES Alteration of Terrain Bureau – AoT-0277 Walmart Stores East, LP
 - b.** NH DES Alteration of Terrain Bureau – AoT-0406 JAL Winnisquam Development
 - c.** NH DES Subsurface Systems Bureau #201703900
 - d.** NHACC November 4th Annual Meeting & Conference

- 6. Other:**
 - a.** The chair presented a draft 2018 budget for the Commission to review. Bob will be in touch with the WRSD Ag Center about volunteers to help with fall and spring cleanup at Salmon Run. Paul agreed to monitor and maintain the property. Bob made a motion to approve the budget and Ben seconded the motion. All were in favor.
 - b.** Jon made an excellent presentation about issues related to the Emerald Ash borer. As part of an informational project, the TCC will post a US Agriculture Department brochure at Town Hall, and the secretary will post an article on the TCC website. Jon encouraged members to visit

<http://nhbugs.org> for additional information. Bob reminded members that both Merrimack and Belknap Counties are under quarantine so no ash wood can be taken out of those counties.

- c. There is a need to cut brush along the river from Salmon Run to the Island Park because it is growing too tall. The Selectboard will need to contact NH DOT. There was a discussion how to best deal with regrowth. As the town has decided to purchase a rotary mower to cut roadway brush, the Commissioners have serious concerns about avoidance of invasives so as not to spread these species throughout the community, creating an even greater problem.

Ben made a motion to adjourn at 8:47 pm; Jon seconded the motion; all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathi Mitchell, Secretary