

TILTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

June 18, 2018

MINUTES

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

Guest: Erin Lambert

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

- 1. M&B Tractor** – Erin Lambert, representing Nobis Engineering and the owner, reiterated that M&B is planning to have an 11,700 sq. ft. cold storage facility as well as outside storage. They have an approved AOT permit and have made a few changes to the drainage plan. Snow storage will be located to the northwest corner of the property. They will use heavy equipment to push snow uphill into the storage area. The wetland buffer which was clearcut will be restored using wetland shrubs such as winterberry and holly over a 700 foot area. There was a question how planting some shrubs will be comparable to the trees which were there previously. It was stated that not all root systems had been removed so there could possibly be regeneration in the future. Ms. Lambert said that she was unaware that any trees had been cut in the buffer since she became involved. The Commissioners suggested that it would be prudent to plant silver maples, birch, and alder trees in the buffer. They still wonder how many cords of wood had been harvested from the site. Ms. Lambert stated that the original wetlands delineation was done by Peter Schauer and that an associate of his, Tom Sokoloski of TES Associates, reviewed the site plan and found the delineation to be correct. The Commissioners wondered if plantings could be added to the wetland buffer near the entrance to the property where the owner has continued to mow in the buffer next to Ice House Pond. There will be a retaining wall with a guard rail on the upper portion of the site. Ms. Lambert stated that the detention pond is in “a little bit of a flooded area”. Silt fences will be in place until everything is stabilized. The Commission asked to have the silt fences removed once stabilization is achieved. This led to a discussion about silt socks being a viable alternative. There was a question about whether there would be a fueling pad for construction vehicles during the construction phase. There was no fueling pad shown on any of the plans. It was strongly recommended that one be put in place for use during construction. The sediment collection area may need to have some sort of hood over it. Ms. Lambert indicated that there would be a maintenance schedule either quarterly or semiannually. They plan to construct a swale to collect runoff from Lowes and build two ponds in an effort to stabilize the area. The fueling depot for M&B equipment will be on the main M&B site. The cold storage area will only be 29% impervious. The bio-retention areas to the southwest are designed to stop the flow of runoff into Ice House Pond. The filter will be eighteen inches of sand, top soil, and shredded bark which will capture oil and treat it before it leaves the site. It was mentioned that the owner expects to connect the two parcels in the future. The TCC knows that there is a culvert there but any road would interfere with wetlands. The Commissioners spoke about their concerns regarding the shrinking pond on the edge of the M&B property next to AutoServ.

2. Approval of May minutes:

Helen made the motion to approve, Paul seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

3. Old Business:

- a) Mowing at Salmon Run - Chuck has spoken with Brock about when are where the Town can mow. There is to be no weedwhacking around the cedar posts in hope of preserving their lives. It will be accepted that they can mow a path along the river edge and along the inside front of the property stopping at the poplar tree across from Ken Norton. The invasives are growing faster than can be contained. It will need a small machine and a group of people as well as other creative ideas. It was suggested looking into contacting Americorps volunteers. Kathi will speak with Belknap County Master Gardeners about getting some assistance in weeding the perennial gardens at Salmon Run.
- b) Natural Resources section of Master Plan – the last two meetings have been cancelled. The TCC will wait to see if they should continue the revision or not.

5. New Business:

- a) The incident regarding the accident of a TruGreen truck in the Winnepesaukee River was reviewed.

6. Correspondence:

- *Land Resources Management #2018-01175 - 1015 Laconia Road Tax Map U01 Lot #7 Doug Rollins
- * Land Resources Management #2018-01089 – 496 Laconia Road Tax Map R10 Lot #7 Lenard Birke

There was a question about the complaint regarding Roger Abbott (#2017-01082 April 21, 2017 for Route 132 Tax Map R 04 Lot #3) but there is still no information from NH DES.

Helen made a motion to adjourn at 8:37 pm; Kathi seconded the motion; all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathi Mitchell, Secretary