

# TILTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

August 20, 2018

## MINUTES

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

Guests: Jennifer McCourt; Kevin LaFleur

**Meeting was called to order by the Chair at 7:04 p.m.**

**1. Milford Trust project on Route 132:** Jennifer McCourt explained that the plan is to provide temporary storage for manufactured homes at the site. There will be no sales. They intend to subdivide the property into three lots. NH DOT has allowed one curb cut for the three lots. The planned private road will disturb 540 sq. ft. and will be gravel. There was a question about dealing with vegetation and invasives which may pop up in the gravel road as there are a number of invasive species in the wet areas. Wetland scientist Thomas Sokoloski of TES Environmental Consultants did a wetlands survey. All three lots are viable for leach fields. Ms. McCourt did test pits which are required because of the planned subdivision. There was a question about the design of the entry road, and the Commission was told that tractor trailers will back into the driveway. The applicant received conflicting information about whether a variance from the ZBA was needed, but it appears that it isn't. There was a question about whether there could be any used homes stored on site, and the answer was sometimes. No repairs, however, will take place on the property. There will be a detention-infiltration pond. Members asked about a maintenance plan for this structure. Ms. McCourt didn't think one would be necessary. A question about snow removal elicited a response that it was hard to monitor someone plowing in the night during a storm. The Commissioners suggested fencing and signs to prevent snow from being plowed into the detention area. A question about security was answered that there would be a gate at the entrance and the invasive plants on either side would be a deterrent. Jon made a motion which Paul seconded to sign the expedited permit for NH DES and to support the project provided that the applicant protected the detention pond with markers/fencing and prepared a maintenance plan for the pond. All were in favor.

**2. Approval of July minutes:** Jon made the motion to approve, Paul seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

### 3. Old Business:

a) **10 Bittern Lane:** The Commissioners discussed the question about the Conditional Use Permit for this project. The last copy of the CUP received on July 11 was undated so there was confusion about whether it was a newer version responding to the Commission's questions and concerns expressed at the July meeting. The TCC did not receive the accompanying narrative until August 13. The Commissioners wonder if the restoration plan (referenced in #13 of the Nobis response) includes answers to questions and concerns from the July TCC meeting or whether it is the original plan. If there is a new restoration plan, the TCC would like to review it. There was no mention in any of the correspondences regarding the 100 ft. buffer question. The TCC also wonders about the plan to restore only 20 feet around Ice House Pond when far more area was disturbed. Helen made a motion, which Jim seconded, to ask the applicant to provide answers to these questions and concerns. All were in favor.

b) **Pike Quarry project in Belmont:** Bob Hardy was contacted by someone (??) from Belmont who was concerned about the July 24 email sent by the TCC to Candace Daigle regarding Pike's request for a variance to "deepen excavation within the defined quarry footprint". They indicated that they had sent three notifications, although the TCC only received one email from Land Use on July 3<sup>rd</sup>. The next TCC meeting was the 16<sup>th</sup> and the email to Belmont was dated July 24. Kathi noted that Ms. Daigle responded to the TCC email by saying that "Thank you. I will see that the members receive this information. We appreciate your time in reviewing and commenting." She later (8-14-18) notified Kathi that the TCC email was not shared at the July meeting. The comments from the TCC also were not fully addressed. The main concerns of the Belmont staff seemed to be with procedural issues that were not part of the TCC email. Bob will look into the matter of timely notification for the future. It appears that the Belmont ZBA is supportive of the variance.

c) **Exit 20 issue:** Jon observed siltation in the Winnepesaukee River at Exit 20 where bridge construction is occurring. He noted silt fencing had been piled in a wooded area and a pipe was pumping water into a drainage ditch which then reached the river. Bulldozed gravel with silt was placed in the river, and there was a plume of silt/dirt. NH DES was contacted and said they would check with NH DOT officials. The sand has now migrated all the way down to the Tilton Island. There was a discussion about who is responsible for monitoring state projects that may impact a community. It was suggested that the Commission contact Councilor Joseph Kenney to suggest that better safeguards and monitoring be put into place for future projects such as this.

d) **Tru-Green:** There was a discussion about the incident with the Tru Green truck which plunged into the Winnepesaukee River earlier in the summer. It was determined that it is an issue for the Selectboard.

e) **Salmon Run:** There was a spirited discussion about the pros and cons of mowing the property and when that should occur. There is also a resurgence of invasive plants which needs to be dealt with soon. Purple loosestrife has appeared along the river's edge and black locusts have sprouted in the previously mowed area. There are funds in the budget for Paul to mow and maintain. Helen made the motion (and Paul seconded it) to do what has to be done. All were in favor.

**6. Correspondence:** Federal Energy Regulatory Commission correspondence Docket No.: P-2456 – order Approving Transfer of Licenses Public Service Company of NH – issued July 16, 2018

Helen made a motion to adjourn at 8:49 pm; Kathi seconded the motion; all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathi Mitchell, Secretary