

TILTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
September 17, 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: George Sargent; Alyssa Norton

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

- 1. George Sargent – Chaille:** Mr. Sargent explained that Hole #17 at Lochmere Country Club was developed in the 1990s and Mr. Chaille is looking for additional water for his golf course. The Phase 2 plan will increase the amount of water from 850,000 gallons to 2.5 million gallons. He showed a color-coded drawing of the planned expansion and indicated that the dredged materials would be used on the course to build tees on holes #16 and #17. The Commissioners had questions about the presence of any invasive plants in and around the pond and the de-watering of the dredged materials. It was decided that the TCC would send questions to Mr. Sargent and he would respond, and that information would be sent to the Planning Board.

- 2. Approval of August minutes:** Helen made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Jon seconded the motion and all were in favor.

- 3. Old Business:**
 - a) Salmon Run** – Paul mowed Salmon Run and the heavy vegetation made it difficult. He also cleared along and around the fence and boulders. There was a discussion about continued mowing. It was decided to wait until spring and to do a site walk at that time to see if there is any evidence of wildflowers. The discussion continued regarding the invasive plants that are growing abundantly and blocking the view of the river. It has been somewhat difficult to get a response from NH DES regarding clearing along the river. Ms. Norton offered a suggestion, and the Commissioners will keep trying to get input from DES. It was suggested that Commissioners could try to meet from 9-10 on the next two Saturdays to do some weeding and trimming. Doughnuts and coffee will be provided. The Master Gardeners will be contacted.
The bill for \$500 for Paul to mow the entire site was presented. Bob made a motion to approve, and Ben seconded the motion. All were in favor.

4. New Business:

a) **Sellars/Hughes Wetland Permit Application:** The application was reviewed and discussed.

b) **Beekeeping information:** was presented by Ms. Norton. The Commissioners suggested that the information be placed on the TCC website. Thanks to Ms. Norton for her interest and concern.

5. Non-Public Session: At 8:16 p.m. Jon moved and Bob seconded the motion to enter Non-Public Session as per RSA 91-A:3 paragraph 2(e).

(e) Consideration or negotiation of pending claims or litigation which has been threatened in writing or filed by or against the public body or any subdivision thereof, or by or against any member thereof because of his or her membership in such public body, until the claim or litigation has been fully adjudicated or otherwise settled.

On a roll call vote: Wadleigh Yes, Rushlow Yes, Hardy Yes, Cropsey Yes, Mitchell Yes, Scanlon Yes, Hanks Recused.

At 8:47, Bob Hardy made a motion to leave nonpublic session and Jon Scanlon seconded the motion. The vote was : Wadleigh Yes, Rushlow Yes, Hardy Yes, Cropsey Yes, Mitchell, C Yes, Scanlon Yes, Hanks Recused.

Motion by Bob to not sign the expedited wetlands permit was seconded by Ben and approved by a majority of Commissioners.

Rationale:

a) The DES Dredge and Fill application forwarded by Nobis Engineering was dated “received on August 29” and, considering that we did not meet until September 17, there was no sense in our signing off last night since it was already beyond the 14-day time limit.

b) The application was not stamped with the Town of Tilton stamp so it was unclear who had received it and who had placed it in the TCC mail box. Typically, the Town Clerk’s office contacts the TCC when an expedited permit arrives so as to address the time sensitive nature of the document.

c) The TCC was never notified that there was a pending expedited application to review. It was a surprise to find the permit application sitting in the mail folder on the night of the meeting.

d) There was no request from the applicant/designee to attend the meeting to review the expedited permit.

e) There was a question whether the expedited purpose references the 99 sq. ft. culvert or the entire project.

f) The box for a sewerage permit/subsurface was checked on the permit application, yet the Commission had been told that there would be no need for water or septic given that it was merely a storage building.

6. Correspondence:

* **Leonard Birke** - letter of compliance from NH DES re: File #2018-01089

* **NHACC** – information about the November Conference was shared

Jim made a motion to adjourn at 8:59 pm; Paul seconded the motion; all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathi Mitchell, Secretary