

# TILTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

November 18, 2019

## MINUTES

Members present: Helen Hanks Acting Chair; Jim Cropsey; Bob Hardy; Jan Landry; Paul Rushlow;  
and Jon Scanlon

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

- 1. NH Rivers Management and Protection Program:** Tracie Sales, NH DES River Coordinator provided handouts and a detailed description of the Rivers Management Program and the process of designating a river into this program. Tracie explained this program is over 30 years old, and there are currently 19 river/rivers segments in this program. The goal of this program is for local people to have more control/say over rivers in their town as well as encouraging communities to work together for river management. Tracie explained the benefits of this program which include state recognition of the river, extra protection of the river, and the development of a Local Advisory Committee (or LAC). This LAC would advise NH DES on the needs of the river, develop a management plan, and review and comment on activities affecting the river that require a permit. The LAC would also offer community-based activities including education, river restoration, and hosting paddling trips, etc. Tracie discussed the River Nomination Process which typically takes 1 ½ years from initiation to completion. The process entails 1) Nominating Committee and local support 2) Completing a Nomination Document with letters of support and a resource assessment 3) Nomination review in which the Rivers and Lakes Manager reviews as well as holding public hearings and a river site visit 4) Designation by the State Legislature. Tracie offered her assistance if we, as a group, are interested in gathering more information or initiating a grassroots effort to designate the Winnepesaukee River. She encouraged us to potentially consider including other towns such as Franklin, Northfield, and Belmont in this process as well.
- 2. Minutes:** The October minutes were reviewed and Jim made a motion to approve, as amended, with the following change, “The mapping project is designed to protect people and public/private property in the community as well as endangered species. While there are a number of state roads in Tilton, this plan is for public/private properties and culverts.” The motion was seconded by Bob and all were in favor.
- 3. Old Business:**
  - a) Culverts:** Jim contacted Public Works and attended the Selectmen’s November 7 meeting and explained the program. The Selectmen were aware that many culverts do overflow and the issue will be looked at with the assistance of Public Works. The Emergency Management Plan for Tilton will also be reviewed. Jon will bring forward updates to the TCC as they develop.
  - b) Colby Road:** All members present were in agreement that no new offer would be presented.
- 4. New Business:**
  - a) Buffalo Park signage:** Email received was discussed, and it was decided to wait until the TCC can gather more information. The email response was appropriate.

- b) **149 School Street:** The issue was discussed and it was determined that more information was needed. The plan is to contact the Land Use office.

**5. Correspondence:**

- a) **WWN Thomas Mead email:** The email was reviewed. It was suggested that a summary report be presented to the Budget Committee and to the Board of Selectmen regarding funds designated for milfoil removal. This would include a timeline and a description of Tilton dive sites and herbicide-treated areas. It was suggested that a TCC member discuss the summary report at a budget committee/Selectmen's meeting for future funding.
- b) **Email from the Barry Camp:** They are looking for sponsorship/money for the 2020 summer camp. It was decided to designate money for a local area camper in need of sponsorship.

**6. Other:**

- a) Lochmere Country Club site work began on November 4.
- b) Bob Hardy discussed the new Wetlands Application that will be used as of December 15. He attended a training session regarding these changes. Bob will email Marianne to discuss the many changes that will impact the commission as they review future applications.
- c) Bob Hardy made a motion to request that alternates be paid the full stipend. Helen seconded the motion, and all were in favor. Helen will draft a letter regarding alternate members and stipends.
- d) Tilton Island tree – the Island is currently closed to the public until the tree deemed hazardous is cut down.

Jon made a motion to adjourn at 8:32 p.m. Helen seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

The next meeting will be on **December 16, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Landry, acting secretary