

TILTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

December 16, 2019

MINUTES

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

Meeting was called to order by the Chair at 6:03 p.m.

1. **Minutes:** The November minutes were reviewed and Bob made a motion to approve, as amended, to state that it is “**the Barry Camp**”. The motion was seconded by Jon and all were in favor.
2. **Old Business:**
 - a) **Rivers Management Program recap:** While it is a worthy program, it would necessitate involving a number of local towns, boards, commissions, and organizations to be in complete agreement on all aspects. Because of the considerable time commitment involved, it was decided to hold off on this matter for the time being.
 - b) **Salmon Run:** A portion of the fence next to the entrance was broken. Chuck made a temporary repair, and has contacted Superior Fencing Company to repair the break. He also has been in touch with Rich Dubreuil of Total Grounds Landscaping. The commissioners suggested working with the state prisoners group since they did such a good job at Riverfront Park. Chuck will contact them.
3. **New Business:**
 - a) **Bittern Lane:** The town is thinking about giving the access road into MB Tractor to the owner. The commissioners stressed that it would be important to protect Ice House Pond on the south side. And, the town should be assured that no vehicles will ever be parked in the wetlands or in the buffer. There was a question whether public access would be allowed. Another question dealt with the dam that has been an issue in the past. NH DES should be contacted for additional input. The commissioners felt strongly that there should be a guard rail installed within five feet of the road to protect the pond and that year-round public access (skating, fishing etc.) must be permitted.
 - b) **TCC Composition:** The issue of payment to alternates and the actual number of members was reviewed and will be discussed at a future meeting.
 - c) 149 School Street: On October 28, Chuck and Kathi observed a Hanomag front end loader moving roots and leftover rubble close to the wetlands, and they emailed the Code Enforcement officer with that information. Sheena Duncan created a case number (#2019022). It appears that the property was sold to John and Victoria Chambers by Parris Properties.
 - d) The town is applying for a grant to hold a charrette for downtown revitalization. The Commission expressed their support as well as their hope that environmental considerations would be considered in the process. Bob made the motion to approve the letter and Helen seconded the motion. All were in favor.

5. Correspondence:

- a) **Peter Spear:** The commissioners discussed the letter received and a response was developed.
- b) **DES Dredge and Fill Application from Summa Humma Realty:** A standard dredge and fill application was received for a minor impact dredge and fill at 10 Bittern Lane. Since there have been so many issues at this site for a number of years, the commissioners had concerns about the proposed project. There has been a consistent pattern of not always following regulations and rules regarding wetlands and wetland buffers. It was decided to advise NH DES to closely monitor the project as the commission's advisory role has been ignored in the past. It was also a concern that the narrative referred to a 12" HDPE culvert while a map suggested it should be an 18" HDPE pipe. Concern was expressed that there would be considerable drainage streaming down the slope from Lowe's and questioned if the total impact was being considered.

Jon made a motion to adjourn at 7:05 p.m. Helen seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

The next meeting will be on **January 20, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Kathi Mitchell, secretary