

TILTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

February 18, 2019

MINUTES

Members present: Bob Hardy; Helen Hanks; Jim Cropsey; Jan Landry; Paul Rushlow; Kathi Mitchell

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

- 1. Winnisquam Watershed Network** - Thomas Mead of the WWN spoke about last summer's successful program where milfoil was removed from one of the affected locations near Mohawk Island. The WWN was unable to complete the work near Jay's Marina because of issues with the restaurant's need to use their well. NH DES is using a new herbicide (Precelicare) for milfoil which does not affect well water. They plan to use the remainder of last year's funding for the Jay's Marina work. For the summer of 2019, they intend to treat upwards of thirty acres on the lake as well as checking on streams connected to waterways at Jay's. NH DES will do another assessment in the spring, WWN is working with Solitude Lake Management for herbicide usage and with Aqualogic Inc. of Gilford. They also plan to perform water quality testing at several places on the lake including the Mohawk Island area. While they have equipment, they will need funds to cover the cost of lab assessments. They are also hoping to fund a Lake Host program where a paid intern will be available at the boat ramp to check for invasives before a boat is put into the lake. They also have a program where they train volunteers to monitor the shorelines in the five communities to spot any invasive clusters. Mr. Mead indicated that he would return in the near future to request funding from Tilton for the 2019 season. There was a question about involving residents of Silver Lake. The WWN is attempting to contact interested parties to include them in the projects.
- 2. Minutes:** The minutes were reviewed and corrected. Jim made a motion to approve as corrected, Paul seconded the motion, and all were in favor.
- 3. Old Business:**
 - a) Wooden sign for Salmon Run** – Bob said that the sign is in the works.
 - b) Salmon Run RFP for Brush Clearing** – Helen has made the requested changes and will present the document at the next meeting.
 - c) Complaints filed with town** – There was a discussion about how to deal with the snow being plowed onto town property and into the 20-foot wetland buffer. Jim made a motion to have the secretary contact the appropriate authorities to explain the situation and ask the owner to stop putting snow in the area adjacent to the pond which was never designated as a snow storage area. The contaminants in the snow will eventually end up in the pond, and the owner is allowing snow to be plowed onto property that does not belong to him. In addition, it is not fair to the abutter who has agreed to abide by the town ordinance. Bob seconded the motion, and all were in favor.
 - d) Proposed zoning amendments** – The wetland buffer amendment has been withdrawn for this year. At a future meeting, the TCC will prepare an advisory document dealing with wetland buffers as part of its

responsibility to "...recommend ... a program for the protection, development, or better utilization "of areas listed in the natural resources inventory (Handbook for NH's Municipal Conservation Commissions and RSA 36-A:2.)

New Business:

a) Invasive species letter from Doug Cygan – Mr. Cygan proposes to treat an invasive species called the Tree of heaven at the property Tax Map using U04 Lot 72, using the herbicide Garlon 4. While the Commissioners supported the request for eradication, they questioned whether the invasive was present at the site. They also had a concern about who would be responsible for the removal and disposal of the dead invasive. Since Paul Rushlow is a horticulturist, he will be responsible for contacting Mr. Cygan to obtain answers to these questions and will report back to the TCC and to the town.

b) Improving/Maintaining Lakes Capital Reserve – The budget committee chose not to fund this capital reserve account this year even though funds were utilized. It was determined that the TCC would send a letter to the budget committee in the fall to request that the Capital Reserve be funded for the next year. The TCC will also include a letter of request when they send in the regular budget.

c) Stream Restoration workshop - Jim

d) March meeting – Because of the Fire District meeting which is scheduled for the same date and time as the Fire District meeting, it was decided to cancel the conservation commission meeting with the understanding that a special meeting could be scheduled if there was a necessity to do so. Jim has a PbN but that will not require TCC approval.

4. Correspondence:

* NH DES 2018-03725 360 Laconia Road Lochmere CC

5. Other: There was no other business.

Kathi made a motion to adjourn; Paul seconded the motion; the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathi Mitchell, secretary