

TILTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

April 15, 2019

MINUTES

Members present: Chuck Mitchell; Helen Hanks; Jan Landry; Paul Rushlow; Jon Scanlon;
Ben Wadleigh; Kathi Mitchell

Meeting was called to order by the Chair at 7:01 p.m.

1. Minutes: The February minutes were reviewed. Helen made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, and Paul seconded the motion. All were in favor.

2. Old Business:

a) Wooden sign for Salmon Run – will be discussed at the next meeting.

b) Salmon Run RFP for Brush Removal – The RFP looks great. It should be posted in The Sun as well as various social media sites. The Town website and the Conservation Commission's web site will also post the information. Paul made a motion to approve, and Jon seconded the motion. All were in favor.

c) THOP parking lot painted tank – Given that nothing seems to be happening to get the murals painted, Chuck will contact Jim Lambert to see if he might be interested in painting one side facing the Main Street. Helen made a motion to go forward with this plan, and Paul seconded the motion. All were in favor.

d) Island Repairs – It is hoped that the Town will be able to obtain grants for needed repairs and that the TCC will be included in the process. There are a number of different groups discussing this matter and there is a concern that there should be a coordination of any, and all, activities. There was a question about the status of Island perennials and who could work on the upkeep.

3. New Business:

a) Salmon Run maintenance for 2019 – Chuck met with Kevin Duval and Jeanie Forrester to discuss this matter. It was agreed:

(1) to mow inside the perimeter twice a month.

(2) no mowing on the main inside area until after a June assessment by the Commissioners; after that, mowing could occur every 2-3 weeks. Please be aware of the lilacs (with id ribbons) at the eastern end of the property toward town.

(3) please pick up trash and mow outside the fence along the road.

(4) black mulch is preferred for the THOP parking lot gardens and could be used in the Salmon Run perennial garden. The TCC could assist in paying for mulch used.

(5) The THOP parking lot has a good deal of trash and sand. It would be helpful to have that area cleaned regularly. Community service projects might be a backup plan.

(6) Tree of heaven – Paul and Chuck met with Doug Cygan. Paul will remove the tree in June and Doug will treat it afterwards.

- b) Election of officers:** The secretary was instructed to cast one ballot for Chuck Mitchell, Chair; Robert Hardy, Vice-Chair; and Helen Hanks, Vice-Chair for 2019-2020. Jim and Jon should be sure to be sworn in as members, if they haven't already.
- c) Culvert assessment:** Jim attended a workshop sponsored by Ducks Unlimited and NH Fish & Game dealing with this issue. Kevin Duval indicated that he has computer software connected with this issue. He mentioned that a majority of roads in Tilton are state-owned so he is unable to be involved with their maintenance and identification. It was decided to table this topic indefinitely.

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Other:

- a) Eversource has removed mats from Ben Wadleigh's property and is in the process of cleaning them.
- b) There was a discussion about public works employees being aware of invasive species as they are mowing the sides of the roads. Paul and Jon will provide information to them, in particular about Japanese knotweed, glossy buckthorn, autumn olive, and bittersweet. Helen made the motion to encourage providing this information and Chuck seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Helen made a motion to adjourn at 8:07 p.m. Paul seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathi Mitchell, secretary