

# TILTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

May 20, 2019

## MINUTES

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

Guests: Terry Threlfall and Jonathan Meunier from Silver Lake Association; Katherine Dawson

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

- 1. Silver Lake Association:** Terry Threlfall is the President of the SLA and Jonathan Meunier is Vice-President. The association is in a transition period and they are looking to outsource milfoil removal using professionals. They have received an Exotic Aquatic Plant Control Grant from NH DES for 5 days of diver assisted suction with harvesting. There will be no herbicide treatment involved. The grant provides 25% of the cost and SLA is responsible for the remaining matching funds. The SLA has done some fundraising among its members. They are requesting that the TCC fund \$2000 of the total \$3732 needed for the NH DES match. Jim made a motion to fund up to \$2000 as long as the SLA sends the Commission a copy of the signed contract. Ben seconded the motion and all were in favor.
- 2. Minutes:** The April minutes were reviewed. Helen made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, and Paul seconded the motion. All were in favor.
- 3. Old Business:**
  - a) Salmon Run RFP for Brush Removal** – Helen will get the revisions to Chuck by the weekend. There will be a deadline of June 14 to receive applications. The next meeting will be three days later so the Commission can review the proposals. Chuck and Paul will visit the site to determine what brush needs to be removed.
  - b) Wooden sign for Salmon Run** – will be discussed at the next meeting. Chuck will be in touch with Bob.
  - c) Salmon Run maintenance** – Jim has sown wildflower seeds at Salmon Run. There was a discussion about mowing the conservation area. The flower beds across from the police station need to be cleaned. It was suggested to pay Paul and Jackie Rushlow to do some work with the garden beds. Black mulch can be added after the cleanup.
  - d) THOP Painting** - The Selectboard has decided to handle all the details for getting the tank painted, so the Conservation Commission will not be involved. Concern was expressed about the dirt and trash all over the town parking lot at THOP.
  - e) Moose Plate Grant Update** – Kathi is continuing to work on the grant application. Helen has offered to review and edit the document.
  - f) Request for Money for 4-H Camp for Student** – After discussion, the TCC asked the Chair to contact Northfield to see if they are providing any funding given that the student lives in Northfield. Jon made the

motion to pay any unpaid balance up to \$165 after the chair has spoken with the Northfield representatives. Helen seconded the motion and all were in favor.

**3. New Business:**

**a) PbN for 322 Main Street M C & G** – Jim explained about the plans to remove trees. The stumps will be left in place. Chuck made a motion to send a letter to NH DES stating that the TCC has no objections or concerns with the PbN. Helen seconded the motion and all were in favor.

**Correspondence:** There was none.

**Other:**

- a)** The TCC will be in touch with the Selectboard about including money in next year's budget for milfoil removal and for stipends for TCC alternates.
- b)** There was a discussion about the boat launch in Northfield where there is no notice about milfoil and no one to monitor whether boats entering the water are free from milfoil. Jim will make contact with Fish & Game, Northfield officials, and the owner of the Holiday Inn.
- c)** The issue of mowing at Salmon Run was revisited. The Conservation Area is supposed to be a meadow with wildflowers. However, it was decided that Public Works could mow a path around the edge of the property, leaving a foot wide strip by the fence for perennials.
- d)** There were some concerns and questions about the erosion along the guardrail from Cumberland Farms to Salmon Run. The state needs to do something.
- e)** Exit 20 – the repair work will be ending sometime this year. Jon and others will want to check to be sure all equipment and materials are carefully removed and not sent downstream.
- f)** WRTA Trail – Concerns about clean-up of the trail by WRTA were expressed. There are markers in Katherine Dawson's office that need to be placed along the trail. There were questions about whether the Tilton Police Department will be patrolling the trail this summer. Chuck will contact Rick Silverberg.

Helen made a motion to adjourn at 8:05 p.m. Jim seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathi Mitchell, secretary