

TILTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

February 17, 2020

MINUTES

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

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

1. **Minutes:** Bob Hardy made a motion to approve the January minutes. Jon seconded the minutes, and they were approved by a majority vote.
2. **Old Business:**
 - a) **Easement Monitoring Report:** The commissioners added “appropriate clothing, boots, and bug spray” to the list of suggested items to bring. Under post-visit activities, they added “refer any concerns to the TCC and file the easement report with the TCC”.
 - b) **Mike Petrun and the Winnisquam Ag Center:** Bob is working with them and will have more to report next month.
 - c) **Solar array meeting:** The chair spoke about the two meetings he attended with the land use coordinator and the selectboard where the applicants discussed the project. The commissioners reviewed the map showing the leased properties. There were a number of questions about the project.
 - d) **Auto Serv project:** The chair spoke about email correspondence with the project manager and the senior environmental scientist, including pictures taken during January when the ground was snow-covered.
3. **New Business:**
 - a) NH DES revised forms and checklists: There have been a number of rules changes at DES, and the commissioners expressed an interest in having someone from the agency come to a TCC meeting to assist the group especially with the fourteen different PBNs for which the TCC might be asked to support.
4. **Correspondence:** NH DES 2019-03918 10 Bittern Lane
5. **Other:**
 - a) **Earth Day 2020** is the fiftieth anniversary – how to celebrate? Jim will contact people and organizations to possibly organize a fly-fishing demonstration at Salmon Run or Riverfront Park. John Ciriello has indicated a possible interest in working on the Salmon Run gardens. The secretary was tasked with inviting him to a future meeting. Another suggested activity was working to remove barberry and other invasives from Buffalo Park. It was also suggested that the group could update information at the kiosks at Salmon Run and at Buffalo Park.

b) **Test results for Salmon Run:** The November groundwater testing at Salmon Run indicate that the petroleum impacts to the groundwater have diminished, and there are lower concentrations of dissolved iron. Dissolved arsenic is still present so there will be a need for another round of testing later in the year.

Helen made a motion to adjourn at 8:32 p.m. and Jon seconded the motion. All were in favor.

The next meeting will be on **March 23, 2019** at **7:00 p.m.** (Note date change.)

Respectfully submitted,

Kathi Mitchell, secretary