

# TILTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

February 15, 2021

## MINUTES

### VIRTUAL MEETING

Members present: Chuck Mitchell, Chair; Bob Hardy; Helen Hanks; Paul Rushlow; and Kathi Mitchell

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

1. The Chair read a Right-To-Know Law Meeting Checklist in accordance with Governor Sununu's Emergency Order #12, pursuant to Executive Order 2020-04, that this Board is authorized to meet electronically, providing public access by telephone dialing 1-866-899-4679 and using pin 238-034-701. Anyone who is interested can participate by clicking on <http://global.gotomeeting.com/join/238034701>. All votes taken will be by a roll call vote. The Chair then held a roll call of members present and asked others present to introduce themselves and to declare if they were alone in the room.
2. **Minutes:** Bob made a **motion** to accept the January minutes, and Helen seconded the motion. The members present voted unanimously in favor of the minutes by a roll call vote.
3. **Old Business:**
  - a) **Loon Project** – Jan will update the TCC next month.
  - b) **Winnisquam Watershed Network** – Chuck reported that the WWN has received funding from the Moose Plate Grant and is involved with strategic planning. They are also looking to continue the Lake Host program next summer.
4. **New Business:**
  - a) **Buffalo Park cleanup** – Bob noted that there appears to be interest (on Facebook) to clear downed trees at Buffalo Park. The Town has a policy about who can use chain saws on town property. Bob, Paul, and Peter Fogg have permission. Bob suggested an Earth Day cleanup project where interested citizens can assist with clearing brush, picking up trash, and helping with cleanup. The Winnisquam Ag Center students will be working at the site in the next week or so. The Bear Trail, in particular, needs some work. More details will be available at the next meeting.
  - b) **Bittern Lane** – There are two warrant articles that deal with giving the town road and town property to MB Tractor. Concern was expressed about losing access to the water, protection of the wetland and wetland buffer, and the loss of any chance to monitor violations such as have occurred in the past. A **motion** was made by Helen that the TCC could support the warrant articles if the property to be transferred was put into a conservation easement

with the exception of the roadway. Bob seconded the motion. After a roll call vote, all were in favor. The chair was asked to notify the selectboard and land use office of this motion. It is also hoped that TCC members will speak to the question at the deliberative session.

**c) Re-appointments** – The current list of TCC members on the town website shows incorrect information about terms and renewals. The chair is in the process of remedying this matter.

**5. Correspondence:**

a) NH DES File #2020-02970 14 A Hill Road – the NH DES website shows a request for more information but also suggests a permit has been approved. Quite confusing.

b) NH DES File #2021-00272 for 1023 Laconia Road U1 Lots 8 and 9. The dredge and fill application was sent to DES on Feb. 3, returned on Feb. 4, and accepted as administratively complete on Feb. 9. Curiously, the Feb. 9 DES letter states that the conservation commission has until Feb. 15 to respond with any concerns. It used to be that a commission had 14 days in which to respond. The secretary was asked to contact DES to see if the time frame has changed.

**6. Other:**

a) There was a question about a wall that has been erected next to the wildlife corridor and the wetlands at the Honda dealership.

b) Because the March meeting of the TCC falls on the same day as the Fire District annual meeting, it was suggested that the TCC meet on another night. Bob made a **motion** that the March meeting be held on March 22 at 7:00 p.m. Helen seconded the motion and the roll call vote was unanimous.

c) Various town issues and concerns were expressed.

Helen made the **motion to adjourn** which was seconded by Paul.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm after a unanimous vote by a roll call of each member present.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathi Mitchell, secretary