

TILTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

May 17, 2021

MINUTES

VIRTUAL MEETING

Members present: Chuck Mitchell, Chair; Jim Cropsey; Bob Hardy; Jan Landry; Paul Rushlow; Jon Scanlon; 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 April minutes, and Jan seconded the motion. The members present voted unanimously to approve the minutes by a roll call vote.
3. **Old Business:**
 - a) **Loon Project** – Jan updated the members about her article for the spring issue of NH Audubon Bird Records. She has developed a supply list of items needed to make at least three receptacles for used fishing line. Decals are available for the receptacles. Locations to be used include Knowles Pond in Northfield and Riverfront Park in Tilton. Other sites were suggested and will be considered. The Winnisquam Watershed Network is interested in the project, as well. It was suggested that Jan contact a local hardware store for supplies. They can then bill the town directly with funds to be taken from the Conservation Commission budget. Chuck offered to provide oak stakes. A press release for mid-summer will be provided for the community to learn more about the project and its purpose.
 - b) **Informational Meeting**– In an effort to foster communication among various boards and commissions, the Conservation Commission is suggesting that the first 30 minutes of an upcoming meeting be devoted to getting acquainted with members of other committees and learning about their goals and objectives. Helen has volunteered to chair the meeting. Each chair or vice-chair will be able to make a short presentation that will then be followed by questions and comments. Chuck will contact the other boards and commissions.
4. **New Business:**
 - a) **ZBA Communication** – The TCC was pleased to receive information in a timely manner about the ZBA meeting scheduled for May 18. There were several wetlands issues included in the materials.
 - b) **WRTA Trail Maintenance** – A Facebook post noted that June 5 is a cleanup day for the trail from Northfield to Franklin. There was some question about whether Tilton was

included. Jan volunteered to do some work and will notify the TCC members when she is working on the trail. Chuck will contact WRTA and Ken Norton. Jon reports that his son and a friend cleaned a good portion of the trail recently. THANK YOU Ryan and friend! Jim made a **motion** which was seconded by Kathi to prepare an article for the newspaper about these good citizens. There was a discussion about the mile markers which still have not been posted. Chuck will look into the matter because it is a definite safety issue which should be addressed for the community members as well as the police department. Jon has a wheel for marking distances and Jim has aluminum nails if needed. Maps will also need to be developed.

b) Filing cabinets and locks – With Town Hall closed due to the pandemic, there is filing that needs to be finished. In addition, a Covid exposure has effectively banned two TCC members from visiting Town Hall as they self-quarantine for the safety of all. Plus, the cabinets need to be located and keys need to be found. Jon and Bob think they may have the keys; if not, the chair will check the code on the locks to find what code is needed to obtain a key. The matter will be addressed as soon as feasible.

Correspondence:

- a) Email from Laurie Boehl at PES Associates regarding their request for information.
- b) Barry Camp email – no camp this year
- c) NHACC Lunch and Learn – Wildlife and Climate Change

Other:

a) Salmon Run – What is the best way to clean up the perennial garden between the fence and the trail/parking area? It was decided to get bids from local companies for a licensed landscaper who has liability insurance. Paul agreed to monitor any work on the site.

Jon made the **motion to adjourn** which was seconded by Paul. All were in favor after a roll call vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathi Mitchell, secretary