

TILTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

March 21, 2022

MINUTES

Members present: Chuck Mitchell, Chair; Bob Hardy; Jim Cropsey; Paul Rushlow; Jon Scanlon;
and Kathi Mitchell

Guest: Ken Norton

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

1. **Minutes:** Bob made a **motion**, which was seconded by Jim, to accept the February 21, 2022 minutes. All were in favor.

2. **Old Business:**

a) **Crede Test results** – The members reviewed the history of the town acquiring the Salmon Run properties, and the intent of the commission to merge the two main lots as soon as testing was no longer required, with the understanding that the more restrictive language would be placed on the Garcia lot. Copies of the two deeds, which were prepared by James Sessler, were presented. The email from Mrs. Forrester to Chuck on January 7 contained the following information:

“Does the Town have any long-term plans for the property, or will it remain open space? Sometimes when closing out a project where contaminants exceed state guidelines, a deed recorded Activity and Use Restriction may be placed upon a property that may provide guidelines for any subsurface activity (excavation and exposure to below surface contaminants).”

It was the consensus of the members to have Chuck contact the Board of Selectmen to discuss this matter at the next Selectmen’s meeting. He can explain about the original intent to merge and that the TCC would pay for any legal expenses required. It is hoped that the more restrictive deed language might obviate the need for continued testing. Jim made a **motion** to discuss the possible lot merger with the Selectmen. Bob seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

3. **New Business:**

a) **Winnepesaukee River Trail Association** – Ken discussed the future plans of WRTA to extend the trail between Laconia and Franklin. There are ROW and bridge issues as well as a lack of federal funds at the moment; WRTA remains hopeful that these matters can be resolved. There will be a Trail Cleanup Day on June 4 with a focus on the Tilton portion of the trail. Ken will provide more details at the next meeting which can then be relayed to members of the community. The members discussed trail maintenance and cleanup issues. The question about the mileage markers for the Tilton portion of the trail was reviewed as well as accurate measuring devices to be used when placing the markers.

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- b) **Re-appointments** – It is with regret that the TCC accepts Jan Landry’s resignation due to work conflicts. She has been a valued member of the commission and will be missed. The members hope that her work with fishing line recycling boxes to protect the loon population will continue. Ken Norton has agreed to serve as an alternate on the Commission, bringing his considerable experience and expertise to the TCC. Jim has completed the paperwork for his re-appointment and Jon will do so shortly. Paul made a **motion**, seconded by Bob, to approve Ken, Jim, and Jon for three-year terms on the Conservation Commission. All were in favor.
- c) **Election of Chair and Vice-Chairs** – Bob made a motion to continue with the current chair and co-chairs for the next year. Jim seconded the motion, and all were in favor.
- d) **Ethics Policy and Meeting Procedures and Standards of Conduct** – Each member present received the materials provided by the Town and initialed/dated the sheet provided.

4. Correspondence -

- a) **Jason Foote – Northern Tree Service** – re: Eversource work on Sherwood Drive
Jon made a **motion**, seconded by Paul, to contact Rogers Development about the proposed cutting since the easement belongs to them.
- b) **NH DES File #2022-00547** - 28 Beach Street - Shoreland Standard – under review
- c) **Jay’s Marina #2022-00194** – 927 Laconia Road – Standard Dredge & Fill –more information requested.

5. Other -

- a) Clearing brush along the Winnepesaukee River and encouraging fishing use at Salmon Run were discussed.
- b) Members discussed various town issues of interest and concern.

Bob made the **motion** to adjourn at 8:36. Jim seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Kathi Mitchell, secretary