

TILTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

May 16, 2022

MINUTES

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

Guests: Jon Chambers and William Hess, PE of Hess Engineering

Meeting was called to order by the Chair at 7:01 p.m.

1. Expedited Minimum Impact Permit Application for 149 School Street – Mr. Hess explained that the permit application is for a 1500-foot residential driveway. They will be crossing a Tier 1 stream and two intermittent streams. They will use a 15” HPE pipe and their calculations indicate that it will handle water from a 100-year storm. The existing woods road has wetlands in places, but they will avoid the wetlands and stay on the 18’ woods road. There will be no other wetlands crossings.

They intend to install a gravel driveway, although Mr. Chambers indicated that he would hope to pave the driveway at a later date. The total wetlands impact is estimated to be at 1400 square feet.

The Commissioners recalled problems at this site (with a previous owner) that resulted in NH DES intervention. They also noted that any snow plowed from the driveway should not be placed in the wetland areas.

The applicants have contacted NH DOT for a permit. The State has suggested that a culvert across the edge of the driveway might be helpful to redirect water from puddling on School Street if Mr. Chambers will install it. There will be no increase in water leaving the property. The Commissioners were clear that, if an additional culvert is established, there will be no impact on the property or for the abutters, and that an amended permit will be filed in that case.

Motion Jon made a motion to sign the expedited permit application and Jim seconded the motion. All were in favor.

2. **Minutes:** Jim made a **motion**, which was seconded by Bob, to accept the April 18, 2022 minutes. All were in favor.

3. **Old Business:**

- a) **WRTA Trail Update** – The cleanup day will be held on June 4 at 9:00 starting at the Motel 6 and working back to Salmon Run. Some brush has already been cleared and information has been placed at the kiosk. Graffiti on the I-93 bridge has been painted over. There is a portion of the fence along the trail that needs to be repaired.

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b) **Lot merger at Salmon Run** - Chuck met with Attorney Sessler and provided all necessary paperwork and information about the proposed merger. The attorney will get back to the Commission with his recommendations.

c) **ZBA meeting re: The Preserve at the Anchorage** – The minutes from the May 3 ZBA meeting were made available (and can be found on the Tilton website). There was a discussion about the numerous issues that will need to be addressed prior to any approvals.

4. New Business:

a) **Lakes Region Planning Commission Annual Dinner on June 29 in Franklin** – Information was provided to the Commission and several members indicated that they were interested in attending. There are funds in the budget to pay for their attendance.

5. Correspondence:

- a) Federal Energy Regulatory Commission April 25, 2022 Ayers Island and Eastman Falls
- b) NH DES #2022-00547 28 Beach Street – Victor Conforti – April 29, 2022 – more information requested
- c) NH DES #2022-00697 997 Laconia Road – Shady Grove Condominium – permit approved for perched beach

6. Other -

- a) Members discussed the serious PFAs issue with the Lochmere Water District and expressed deep concern about the increasing levels. Water users have been told that notices will be sent with every bill and remediation will be provided.
- b) Fishing on Salmon Run has been a topic of discussion on social media lately.
- c) Invasive plants and shrubs were discussed, including European Mountain Ash.
- d) There was a question about the status of the NH DOT proposal to do work on the road along Route 3 from the Island to the old dam. Chuck will contact Arin Mills for information.
- e) The situation with the historic bridge to the Island was reviewed at length.
- f) There was a question about what is happening with the Silver Lake dam issue.
- g) There was a question about the status of continuing to work on communications between the town's boards and commissions. After the meeting last fall, there have been no further meetings. The chair will contact the Land Use Office.

Helen made the **motion** to adjourn at 8:32. Bob seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Kathi Mitchell, secretary