

TILTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

July 18, 2022

MINUTES

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

Meeting was called to order by the Chair at 7:07 p.m.

1. **Minutes** – The minutes from June 20 were reviewed. Jon made a **motion** to accept the minutes as presented. Bob seconded the motion. All were in favor.

2. **Old Business:**
 - a) **WRTA Trail Update** – Members discussed proposed signage for the trail indicating distances and emergency services information. Jim and Jon will contact Ken to determine the distance of the trail and will purchase the necessary materials to attach the signs to the fence. Jon made a **motion**, seconded by Jim, to have the Commission pay for the necessary materials. All were in favor. Jon and Bob will locate a “wheel” to measure the length of the trail and to locate the signs appropriately. Discussion ensued about replacing the “Clean Boats, Clean Waters” signs provided by NH DES at boat launch areas in the community. Jim will look into this matter.
 - b) **Salmon Run** -The members agreed that the area near the parking lot looks good. It appears that a number of people are using the trail and the conservation area. It was noted that the wildflowers are doing well on the part of the property closest to town.

3. **New Business:**
 - a) The commissioners reviewed information relative to the digital billboard presentation made to the selectboard and viewed online by members of the TCC. They also examined information found at <https://www.scenic.org/sign-control/digital-billboards/>. There were a number of concerns expressed, including the impact on a rural, historic town; distractions for passing drivers on a busy road; the impact on the wildlife corridor; and the impact on drainage, runoff, and wetlands. It was suggested that it might be appropriate to offer a warrant article to address the issue at the March Town meeting.

4. **Correspondence:**
 - *NH DES File #2022-01444 149 School Street R 18 Lot 12 Jon Chambers Expedited Dredge and Fill – Request for more information
 - *NH DES File #2022-01829 565-2 Laconia Road R9 Lot 30-B Mehta Family Trust Standard Dredge and Fill – under technical review

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***NH DES File #2022-01612 22 Murphy Lane R9 Lot 8 Cyr Family Trust Shoreland Standard – Request for more information**

*** NH DES File #2022-01597 12 Hill Road U01 Lot 19 Larry Valcourt Shoreland Standard – permit approved July 1**

5. Other:

- * Concern was expressed about a Shoreland Standard application received at the town office this afternoon from James and Donna Miller to raze the existing building at 918 Laconia Road and to replace it with a new residence. Issues of concern were water runoff and puddling, the impact of impervious surfaces on water runoff, storm drains, and the safe sight of view for vehicles entering/ leaving the driveway on a sharp corner.
- * Members observed that work was being done on a nearby property (911 Laconia Road) and wondered if that property, too, should have applied for a Shoreland permit application for work being performed on the site next to the road.
- * There was continued discussion about the desecration of the local graveyard and what remedies might be available.
- * The members discussed ways to trim some of the underbrush along the river at Salmon Run for an enhanced view. They will continue to review this matter.

Paul made the **motion** to adjourn at 8:30 pm. Jon seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Kathi Mitchell, secretary