

# TILTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

August 15, 2022

## MINUTES

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

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

1. It is good to have Ben Wadleigh here after an accident has prevented him from attending meetings for several months. All nine members of the TCC are present.
2. **Minutes:** The minutes from July 18 were reviewed. Jim made a **motion** to accept the minutes as presented. Bob seconded the motion. All were in favor.
3. **Old Business:**
  - a) **Signage** - Jim has put up signs provided by the State at boat launch areas so boaters will be cognizant of preventing invasive species from entering the waters. Other sites in the vicinity were suggested for the remaining signs.  
Signs are available for the Winnepesaukee Rail Trail. There was a discussion about how many signs are needed. Ken made a **motion**, seconded by Helen, to contact the Fire Department for their recommendations, given that they would be involved with any rescue efforts in the river or along the trail. All were in favor.
  - b) **Salmon Run** – There was a discussion about when will be the best time to mow the section closest to town. Jim plans to add more wildflower seed to the area in the late winter. Helen made a **motion**, seconded by Paul, to mow this section in October but the matter will be re-visited in September if there has not been sufficient rainfall. All were in favor. A person has been hired to weed the perennial gardens for 1 hour a month. The commission needs to consider splitting some of the perennials which have grown considerably. The question is where to re-plant them.  
The chair was contacted by the Town Administrator about possible activities for volunteer activities for the United Way Day of Caring scheduled for September 12. Discussion ensued regarding clearing brush along the Winnepesaukee River at Salmon Run to showcase the river. Volunteers would need to bring loppers, weedwhackers, pruning equipment, and gloves. The TCC will provide trash bags to hold any small brush, and will ask the volunteers to stack the larger brush in an area that will be accessible by the town public works department. The commission requests that, if there are any interested volunteers, they should contact the TCC to review the task and the materials needed.
4. **New Business:** There was no new business.

**5. Correspondence:**

- a) NH DES File #2022-01444 149 School Street R18 Lot 12 Jon Chambers Expedited dredge and fill - Request for more information due August 16
- b) NH DES File #2022-01829 565-2 Laconia Road R9 Lot 30-B Mehta Family Trust Standard Dredge and Fill - received June 27 - under review
- c) NH DES File #2022-01612 22 Murphy Lane R9 Lot 8 Cyr Family Trust Shoreland Standard permit - request for more information July 1
- d) NH DES File #2022-01597 12 Hill Road U01 Lot 19 Larry Valcourt Shoreland Standard permit – approved July 1
- e) NH DES File #2022-02018 918 Laconia Road R5 Lot 7 Donna/James Miller Shoreland Permit Application – received 7.15.22 – more information requested on 8.10.22
- f) NH DES File #2022-02282 299 Sanborn Road R4 Lot 11 Wetland Permit-by-Notification Tilton-Northfield Fire District and Ralph Sellars

**6. Other:**

- a) Chuck reported on the activities of the Winnisquam Watershed Network as they work to protect the lake. They have done some work with milfoil removal this summer.
- b) There was a discussion about the purchase of the property at 715 Laconia Road and the ZBA meeting on August 16 where a variance is sought for the parking provision for the Preserve at Winnisquam.
- c) The Lochmere Water District still has an issue with increasing levels of PFAs in the drinking water, with no remediation plan currently available to the public.
- d) The issue with the grave desecration has not been resolved, although there was an article in the Laconia Sun.
- e) Concern was expressed about future applications for flashing electronic billboards. Besides the visual pollution and driving distraction, the members noted that the historic nature of the community should be preserved as well as the remaining natural environment, including wildlife corridors and forested areas. Members will consider proposed language for an ordinance for the next meeting.

Helen made the **motion** to adjourn at 8:00 pm. Bob seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Kathi Mitchell, secretary