

TILTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

November 21, 2022

MINUTES

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

Guest: Sammi Clements, Home Garden Services, LLC

Meeting was called to order by the Chair at 6:59 p.m.

1. Minutes: The minutes from October were reviewed. Ben made a **motion** to approve the minutes as presented, and Paul seconded the motion. All were in favor.

2. Old Business:

a) Salmon Run –Sammi reviewed the work that she did in the garden at Salmon Run and made a proposal for weeding and maintenance for the garden for next year. She proposes to work 1.5 hours a week at \$30 an hour. She has insurance, and she has given the Town her information to receive payment. Helen made a **motion** to accept the proposal for Sam to work at Salmon Run, and Ben seconded the motion. All were in favor. A partial payment will be issued at the beginning of the summer, with final payment in the fall.

Chuck explained that the TCC places a chain at the site prior to snowfall in order to protect the test wells in and around the parking area. It was decided that Chuck should do so again this year. The sumac along the river's edge has been cut. There was a discussion about how the wildflowers were mowed this year and the seeds dispersed toward the river. Thus, they will not grow in the area next year. Jim offered to use seeds that he has saved, and he will disperse them in March. Kathi suggests that we clear a small area, weed and rototill it, and try to direct-seed some new wildflowers. Chuck noted that two of the fence boards are broken and need to be repaired. Ken spoke about the lilacs which had been planted but which didn't survive. The Commission discussed buying lilac plants (from the Belknap County Conservation District) in the spring and installing tomato cages to prevent them from being mowed. Fluorescent flagging might also help.

b) WRTA – Ken spoke about graffiti at the I-93 bridge and the problem of covering it as well as discouraging taggers. Members also noted that many of the people doing this are good artists, and it's too bad their energies can't be channeled more positively.

c) Bridge and Island – There was a recap of the October 20 Selectboard meeting/public hearing. Members had questions about the vagueness of the cost, the lack of a competitive bid process, the actual numbers for load-bearing, and no specific plans for future repairs or renovation. The members also were curious about Chairman Ruggles' comment about NH DES having relaxed regulations for the repair of the stones around the Island. The secretary had emailed Chairman Ruggles and was advised to contact the Town Administrator. The secretary will do so again.

d) Easement Monitoring – This continues to be a topic of interest and will be continued at next month's meeting.

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3. New Business:

a) **Issue at 31 Hill Road** – It appears that some neighbors may have concerns about work being done on a beach area. The Commission recommends that they file a complaint with NH DES.

4. Correspondence:

a) **NH DES File Number: 2022-02848 725 Laconia Road R9 Lots 25, 26, 27 Anchorage Winnisquam LLC – Standard Dredge and Fill – request for more information October 31**

b) **The other Standard Dredge and Fill 2022-02874 725 Laconia Road R9 Lots 25, 26, 27 Anchorage Winnisquam LLC – Standard Dredge and Fill was approved on November 18**

5. Other:

a) Work at The Preserve is moving ahead.

b) The dialysis center on the corner of Nickerson Business Park and Sanborn Road is being dug up and soil is being transported off site.

c) Trees have been cut at the U-Haul site at 314 Laconia Road.

d) Filling is ongoing at the McDonald site at 246 Laconia Road.

e) There continue to be problems with members not receiving emails. The secretary will check into the matter.

f) The December meeting will begin at 6:00 pm.

Helen made the **motion** to adjourn at 7:55pm. Paul seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Kathi Mitchell, secretary