

MEETING
Tilton Conservation Commission
Tilton Town Hall
September 16, 2024

MINUTES
Special Meeting with Northfield and Sanbornton Conservation Commissions

Present: Chuck Mitchell, Jim Cropsey, Bob Hardy, Ken Norton, Paul Rushlow, Jon Scanlon,
and Kathi Mitchell

Guests: Brad Crosby, Karen Bourdeau, Brandon Deacon, Brian LaRoche, Charlie Page, David Krause,
Charlie Page, Mark Chaffee, Tony Pucci, Pauline Tessier and Philip LaBossiere.

The meeting of the three town conservation commissions was called to order by the chair at 6:10 p.m.

1. After introductions, members from each town discussed issues of mutual interest and concern. It was a productive meeting, and the Tilton Conservation Commission is grateful to all who participated. It was agreed that the commissions would meet again next year.

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Minutes of Regularly Scheduled Meeting of the Tilton Conservation Commission

1. **Silver Lake Association request for funding from the Improving and Maintaining Lakes Capital Reserve Fund:** Ms. Tessier provided detailed information about the work done on Silver Lake to remove curly leaf pondweed. The Silver Lake Association is asking for \$2000 from Tilton, noting that there are 103 properties on the Tilton side of the lake. Divers pulled the invasive plants from areas, and they plan to do more work next year to keep the area clear of invasive plants. The chair thanked the two SLA members for their input.
2. **Minutes:** Jim made a **motion** to approve the minutes as presented. Bob seconded the motion, and it was approved.
3. **Old Business:**
 - a) **Salmon Run** – Jim and his daughter placed distance markers on the trail. Ken has noticed more fishermen on the property since it was mowed. Chuck will contact Public Works to mow the property and ask them to leave the clippings and not to remove them. Jon could become certified to spray invasives near the river but needs study manuals for the test which will be in the spring. Kathi made a **motion**, which was seconded by Jim, to pay for the materials needed for Jon to take the test and to be certified. The motion passed.
 - b) **WRTA** – The Taste of the Trail is scheduled for October 10 from 5-8 pm at the Franklin Elks Lodge. Donations for the silent auction are encouraged. The problem on the trail at Cross Mills Road seems to have been addressed.
 - c) **Taking Action for Wildlife** – After extensive discussion, it was decided to focus on presenting information about wildlife on social media, talking with selected residents about conservation easements on their properties, and brainstorming priority pieces of land in town. It

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was also decided that the TCC will contact the Lakes Region Land Trust to see if they have any interest in working to preserve any properties in Tilton.

d) Silver Lake request for funds – Paul made a motion, seconded by Ken, to pay the \$2000 requested by the Silver Lake Association for work done to remove invasives from the lake.

4. New Business:

a) **Johns Manville Road** – Wallace Building Products of Danbury, NH is planning to construct a factory, assorted buildings, and 240 market-value apartments on the old Quin T site which contains two asbestos dumps. The commission should check the Home Depot easement which relates to a nearby parcel. Concern was expressed about children living on land that was so contaminated that it was named a brownfields project.

b) **Turchin Junkyard property** – It appears that part of the property will be used for a solar farm. There were many questions about what might have been buried on the site before the Superfund team arrived for the cleanup in the early 1990s. The potential owner wants to subdivide the piece of property close to West Main Street that housed the main junkyard. Several conservation commission members expressed an interest in seeking an easement on the tip of the property nearest the Winnepesaukee River which is an important wildlife corridor.

Jim made a **motion** to adjourn at 8:40 pm. Ken seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Kathi Mitchell