

**Meeting**  
**Tilton Conservation Commission**  
**Tilton Town Hall First Floor Meeting Room**  
**July 21, 2025**  
**MINUTES**

**Present:** Chuck Mitchell, Bob Hardy, Jim Cropsey, Helen Hanks, Ken Norton, Paul Rushlow, and Kathi Mitchell

The chair opened the meeting at 7:06 PM

- 1. Buffalo Park:** The town administrator contacted the chair about a resident's request for an easement at Buffalo Park for the purpose of expanding a private septic system. Discussion centered on a review of the Declaration of Conservation Covenants and Restrictions which was provided to each commissioner. While the commissioners hope that the resident can find a solution to the problem, it is clear that this request is contraindicated by the Declaration. It does not fall under the purposes or allowed activities of the conservation document, and it would be a violation of RSA 482-A regarding mitigation projects for NH DES. The TCC has to be stewards of the property and follow the dictates of the Declaration. Bob made a **motion**, seconded by Ken, to notify the town administrator and other boards that this proposed activity would violate the Declaration and could result in fines and the need for remediation. The motion passed unanimously.

There was a question about the signage at Buffalo Park which Bob Hardy answered. The Selectboard has given permission for legal counsel to review the Declaration of Conservation Covenants and Restrictions as well as the Stewardship Plan. The easement monitoring fund has \$13,714 available.

- 2. Minutes:** Ken made a **motion** to accept the June minutes as presented. Paul seconded the motion, and the minutes were accepted.

**3. Old Business:**

**a) Salmon Run** – Dylan McGuffin has agreed to clean brush along the riverbank in accordance with NH DES rules and regulations. Helen made a **motion**, seconded by Paul, to hire Dylan for \$1000 to clear undergrowth along the river at Salmon Run. The motion was approved. It was suggested that Public Works may be able to do this maintenance in future years. Helen noted that there are brown-eyed Susans in the un-mowed portion of Salmon Run. Jim suggests that chicory seeds could be added to the wildflower area.

**b) WRTA** – The Northfield-Franklin portion of the trail needs some maintenance. There will be a new kiosk at Cross Mills Road. The annual Taste of the Trails will be held on October 9 at the Elks Club in Franklin.

**c) Easement Monitoring** – The secretary has collected deeds, tax maps, and tax card

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data for each easement held by the town. She still has to include topographic information and a variety of maps for each folder. Special thanks to Suzanne McDonald for clearing out a section of the filing cabinet to accommodate additional materials.

### **4. New Business:**

- a)** Jim is continuing to work on the Wood in Stream project. He needs a list of abutters from both Tilton and Sanbornton.
- b)** Members discussed the earthmoving near the causeway and former Rodeway Inn. There doesn't appear to be any silt fencing or erosion control in place to prevent runoff and erosion. There was a question about whether the owners had received an Alteration of Terrain permit. However, since the Planning Board approved the project as is, there doesn't seem to be any recourse at this time.

### **5. Correspondence:**

- a) Langan Engineering and Environmental Services letter (7-21-2025) asking for information about environmental conditions at Business Park Drive. The secretary was tasked with locating such information in the TCC minutes and sending it.
- b) Ayers Dam notification of conditions
- c) Guidaboni NH DES File #2025-01480 Standard Dredge & Fill approved
- d) Shady Grove Condominium NH DES File #2025-00794 approved pending G&C
- e) Anchorage Winnisquam LLC NH DES File#03158 approved pending G&C

### **6. Other:**

- 1) The area along the road near the dam in Lochmere is overgrown to the point that you can no longer see the river.
- 2) The next meeting on August 18 will be held at Riverfront Park with a barbecue. Chuck will provide hot dogs and hamburgers, Bob will bring rolls, Ken will have beverages, and Helen will provide a pasta salad. Others will bring whatever they choose.

**Motion** was made by Helen to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Paul, approved, and the meeting adjourned at 7:56 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Kathi Mitchell