

**Meeting
Tilton Conservation Commission
First Floor Meeting Room
September 15, 2025
MINUTES**

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

Guest: Dylan McGuffin

The chair opened the meeting at 7:00 PM

- 1. Dylan McGuffin:** Dylan discussed ways to clear invasives along the river near the old dam at Salmon Run. Removing the invasives is allowed without a permit by NH DES regulations. He can cut, drag, and disperse the materials using a chainsaw. Bob suggested the students in the Ag Program at WRHS might come to both observe and assist with dragging the brush up the slope which could lower the cost of the project. Ken made a **motion** to allocate up to \$1500 for removal of invasives on the dam(peninsula) at Salmon Run. Helen seconded the motion, and all were in favor.
- 2. Minutes:** Jim made a **motion** to accept the August minutes as presented. Bob seconded the motion, and the minutes were accepted.
- 3. Old Business:**
 - a) Salmon Run** – The chair was asked to contact Kevin Duval about mowing the section of Salmon Run closest to town where the wildflower patch is, but not to blow the clippings into the river. The commission continues to work to encourage wildflower growth in that section.
 - b) WRTA** –The Tastes of the Trails will be held on October 9 at the Elks Club in Franklin. Donations for the silent auction are encouraged. They are still waiting to hear about the federal grant. Ken continues to look for fencing estimates to repair the fence damaged by the accident in August. The oil spill remains a problem, and there have been no reports from NH DES.
 - c) Joint meeting with Northfield and Sanbornton on October 20** – Members developed an agenda which included the following topics: wildlife corridors; preservation and conservation easements; arc-gis software; easement monitoring; legal counsel; milfoil; Shaker Road boat ramp.
Ken made a **motion** to spend up to \$150 for Wrap City sandwiches and water for the meeting. Paul seconded the motion, and it was approved.
 - d) Jim Cropsey's project** was approved by NH DES, and work will begin shortly.

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4. New Business:

a) Proposed 2026 Budget – Members reviewed each line item and developed a proposed budget.

b) Warrant article for Improving Lakes - The commission decided to review this proposed document next month after receiving the request from the Silver Lake Association to see how much funding will be required for next year.

c) Winnisquam Watershed Network – A request was received for work done in the Tilton portion of Lake Winnisquam this summer of \$427.67. Helen made a **motion**, seconded by Bob, to approve the expenditure requested to be taken from the Improving and Maintaining Lakes Capital Reserve Fund. The motion was approved unanimously. The secretary will forward the information to Town Hall and the Trustees of the Trust Fund.

5. Correspondence:

a) NH DES File # 2025-02145 expedited minimum impact -James Cropsey
376 Sanborn Road APPROVED

b) Cyr Family Trust – 22 Murphy Lane dock permit by notification – PbN Complete

c) NH DES File # 2025-02085 expedited minimum impact – Cynthia Barnard
270 Lancaster Hill Road – more information requested

6. Other:

1) Issues regarding dock system permitting and zoning were discussed.

Paul made a **motion**, seconded by Helen, to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 PM and all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Kathi Mitchell