

Meeting
Tilton Conservation Commission
Second Floor Meeting Room
October 20, 2025
MINUTES

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

Guest: Pauline Tessier

The chair opened the meeting at 7:12 PM

- 1. Pauline Tessier:** Ms. Tessier represents the Silver Lake Association which is requesting \$2000 from Tilton from the Improving/Maintaining Lakes Capital Reserve Fund. She explained that the SLA spent \$15,287 on the removal of milfoil and curly-leaf pondweed. NH DES reimbursed the Association for half of the costs and Belmont provided \$2000. Divers harvested 586 gallons of curly-leaf pondweed. There was a discussion of the milfoil observed at the NH DOT boat ramp. This is an area that needs to be addressed. Ken made a **motion**, seconded by Jim, to support paying the \$2000 request from the SLA to be taken from the Improving/Maintaining Lakes Capital Reserve Fund. All were in favor.
- 2. Minutes:** Helen made a **motion** to accept the September minutes as presented. Bob seconded the motion, and the minutes were accepted as printed.
- 3. Old Business:**
 - a) Salmon Run** – No updates at this time.
 - b) WRTA** – Ken Norton reports that the fence replacement estimate is expected by Thursday. He noted that the area has still not been cleaned up. He will take pictures and send them to the town and to NH DES. The Tastes of the Trails fundraiser was very successful. The Fall Cleanup for the trail is scheduled for November 8 with work in Northfield. The federal grant has been re-opened, and Ken has applied. WRTA is still looking at possible routes for a continuation of the trail.
- 4. New Business:**
 - a) Warrant article for Improving/Maintaining Lakes CR**– Members reviewed past requests as well as current resources. Bob made a **motion** to ask the town for \$3000 to be placed in this capital reserve fund. Ken seconded the motion, and all were in favor.
 - b) Conservation Easement** – The selectboard has agreed to place a conservation easement on the Chaille-donated property. The TCC will need to develop possible language for the easement. It will be necessary to locate parcel points. The group also needs to walk the property and talk with the abutter.

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c) Other possible conservation easements – As conservable land becomes scarcer in the community, it will be important for the TCC to locate owners of properties who might wish to place a conservation easement on their land. Each member of the TCC is tasked with bringing suggestions of properties which might be available for conservation to the next meeting. Then landowners could then be invited to attend a meeting to learn more about the options available. This was an activity that was suggested by the UNH Taking Action for Wildlife group.

5. Correspondence:

- a) NH DES Request for Groundwater Quality Assessment White Rock Coop Route 3 – NH DES #200407081 LAST #340720 September 17
- b) NH DES File #2025-02085 Cynthia Barnard 270 Lancaster Hill Road – Expedited Minimum – approved
- c) Department of Natural and Cultural Resources – Autumn Drive – R16 Lot 12 – Mead Family Trust
- d) Email from citizen re: clear cutting at Lot 73A – September 30
- e) Email from Scott Hilliard – October 15 – re: I-93 accident – Temporary Use Agreement

6. Other:

- 1) Items of interest and concern were discussed.

Helen made a **motion**, seconded by Ken, to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 PM and all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Kathi Mitchell