

**Meeting
Tilton Conservation Commission**

First Floor Meeting Room

April 20, 2026

MINUTES

Present: Chuck Mitchell (chair), Bob Hardy, Helen Hanks, Ken Norton, Paul Rushlow, and Kathi Mitchell

Guests: Matthew Morris, John Bernard, Stephan T. Nix

The chair opened the meeting at 7:00 pm

- 1. Haven Grove LLC 246 Laconia Road R 20 Lot 24** – Mr. Bernard proposes to amend his site plan to include an additional storage unit of 12,000 square feet. He maintains that the building will be outside the wetlands and the wetlands buffer, although the plans presented did not show where those boundaries will be. He indicated that there will be a barrier ranging from eight inches to four feet to prevent snow from being plowed into the wetlands or the wetlands buffer. There are concerns about snow storage. There will be a paved pad for re-fueling.
- 2. Minutes:** Helen made a **motion** to accept the March minutes as presented. Paul seconded the motion, and the minutes were accepted.
- 3. Old Business:**
 - a) Salmon Run** – The chair discussed his conversation with the town administrator about the damage to the fence closest to the abutter. The town administrator said that the town will cover the costs of having Public Works repair the fence for \$240. There was a discussion about whether to turn on the water, and it was decided not to do so at this time. Weeding the perennial gardens is an issue to review in the future. Chuck will contact Public Works about when to mow the property. The lupines are showing and will need to be flagged.
 - b) WRTA** – Ken reports that the annual trail cleanup day is June 6. The Home Depot Team will be working on April 24. Ken will start work at McDonalds. The tribal grant was denied but Ken is working with Lakes Region Planning on an Air Quality Mitigation grant for the area between 140 and Park 'N Ride. He also reports that Nucar has cleaned the hillside along the trail where trash from the dumpsters has been found. The secretary will send a thank you note to Nucar.
 - c) Conservation Easements** – Matt presented a revised letter to invite landowners to an educational meeting in the fall. He also gave the commission maps he developed showing where targeted landowners are located in eastern, central, and western Tilton. Special thanks to Matt for all his assistance.
- 4. New Business:**
 - a) Simmons Court** – The chair was contacted by the town administrator to see if the TCC is interested in pursuing a conservation easement on the property. The members reviewed maps of

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the site. Bob noted that the pictures of the trees showed them to be healthy and of good quality. Further discussion ensued. Helen made a **motion**, seconded by Bob, to encourage the selectboard to place a conservation easement on the property. The motion was approved. The chair will ask to be placed on the agenda at the next selectboard meeting to discuss this matter further.

b) Ashuelot Drive – A resident contacted the town about turning a piece of town-owned property on the corner of Ashuelot Drive and Dublin Drive into a park. Members noted that the selectboard is the only town entity that can make this decision (according to RSA 35-B:6) so this is not within the purview of the TCC. They also noted that there are questions related to the deeds for the property. It was suggested that the resident might want to speak with the selectboard about placing a conservation easement on the property so it could continue to be town property. In addition, there have been discussions about extending the Winnepesaukee River Trail and using town-owned land and rights-of-way in grant applications.

5. Correspondence:

a) NH DES 202880A Alteration of Terrain Project Winnie Business Park Drive R20 Lots 15.2 through 15.5 15.11 permit approved

b) NH DES Alteration of Terrain Sanborn Road Storage permit approved

c) NH DES Site #199402009 Annual Summary Report 927 Laconia Road Dox on Winnisquam

d) Email from Michael Dowling re: 0 Ashuelot Drive

6. Other:

There was a discussion about the Lynnmere property. NH DOT has applied for a Standard Dredge & Fill permit to replace the non-conforming docks with seasonal/removable docks with no change in size, location, or configuration. Bob was asked to fill out the vernal pool survey. Other issues of interest and concern were also reviewed.

Helen made a **motion**, seconded by Paul, to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 PM, and all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Kathi Mitchell