

TILTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

December 19, 2022

MINUTES

Members present: Bob Hardy, Vice-Chair; Jim Cropsey; Ken Norton; Jon Scanlon; and Kathi Mitchell

Meeting was called to order by the Chair at 6:07 p.m.

1. **Minutes:** The minutes from November were reviewed. Jim made a **motion** to approve the minutes with one adjective removed, and Ken seconded the motion. All were in favor.
2. **Old Business:**
 - a) **Salmon Run** – It was noted that the chain is now in place for the winter months to protect the test wells in the parking area.
 - b) **WRTA** – Jim will procure the necessary tools for attaching the markers along the trail.
 - c) **Easement Monitoring** – This matter will be continued at next month’s meeting.
 - d) **Recap of December 8 Zoom meeting with NH DOT** – The presentation by NH DOT led to a number of questions, the most critical being the impact on The Island, which was not included in the Area of Potential Effect (APE). Another concern was the fact that Northfield has not been included in the discussions even though there could be a significant impact to their side of the Winnepesaukee River. The archeological impacts considered were limited to one small section of the Tilton riverbank and not to the whole area. The Commission will contact Brownie Gengras who has studied the area extensively. Members also noted the possible economic impact to changing the flow of the river which could impact Northfield swimmers as well as kayakers from both communities. Flooding concerns were mentioned and the TCC will check on FEMA flood maps. The secretary will check on Granit. It is believed that NH DES requires mitigation if more than a certain number of linear feet will be impacted by a project. That information was not discussed by the presenters. Members who work and were unable to attend the Zoom meeting asked the secretary to see if the meeting had been recorded so they could watch it. Jim made a **motion**, seconded by Bob, to invite Executive Councilor, Joe Kenney, to attend the January TCC meeting to discuss TCC concerns. All were in favor.
3. **New Business:**
 - a) **Hazard Mitigation report** – Jon provided an update since most members were unaware that there had been a public hearing for the report.
4. **Correspondence:**
 - a) **Email from Mrs. Forrester regarding the replacement of granite blocks on the Island which explained that the Town would need a clearly defined proposal for the project as well as the services of an environmental consultant. Work would have to be completed “in the dry” and the Town would be responsible for providing access to the site as well as monitoring the project and being responsible for any issues which might arise. At that point the Town might qualify for a Permit by Notification.**
 - b) **A holiday card was received from the Wildlife Heritage Foundation of NH**

- c) **Standard Dredge and Fill 2022-02848 725 Laconia Road R9 Lots 25, 26, 27 Anchorage Winnisquam LLC – Time Extension Agreement until February 26, 2023**
- d) **Federal Energy Regulatory Commission re: Ayer’s Dam – request for an extension of time approved until January 31, 2023**

5. Other:

- a) Research on the Army Corps of Engineers report 1989 continues
- b) Graveyard issue at The Preserve has been resolved

Jon made the **motion** to adjourn at 6:55pm. Ken seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Kathi Mitchell, secretary