

MEETING
Tilton Conservation Commission
Town Hall
May 15, 2023
MINUTES

Present: Chuck Mitchell, Helen Hanks, Bob Hardy, Ken Norton, Paul Rushlow, Jon Scanlon, Ben Wadleigh, and Kathi Mitchell

The meeting of the Tilton Conservation Commission was called to order at 7:01 p.m.

1. Minutes: The minutes from April were reviewed. Helen made a **motion**, seconded by Bob, to approve the minutes of the April 17 combined meeting with other conservation commissions as well as the regular meeting. All were in favor.

2. Old Business:

a) **Salmon Run Conservation Area** – Paul, Chuck, and Kathi spent time doing basic cleanup at the property, and Sammie and her assistant worked on clean up last week. Jon had suggested that leaves and brush be placed in a compost pile near the northern corner of the garden area, thus saving time and effort for the Public Works department, and this has been done. The Mitchells added more daylilies along the fence hoping that they will not be weedwhacked.

It was reported that a truck with a camper on the back had been spending nights in the parking lot. Helen made a **motion**, seconded by Kathi, to post a sign stating – “Salmon Run Conservation Area-Closed from dusk to dawn per order of the Tilton Conservation Commission”. All were in favor. Jon will work on this matter.

b) **WRTA** – Clean-up Day is scheduled for June 3 along the Northfield Franklin corridor where there are some erosion issues. Ken spoke about the challenges ahead as they look to extend the trail from Route 140 to Park ‘N Ride. There are some issues in Northfield with homeless people residing on private property along the trail. There is also a problem with trash on the steep embankment behind Nucar at 40 East Main Street. Ken will send pictures to the Selectboard and bring this to their attention. The secretary will notify the code enforcement officer and the Health Officer.

3. New Business: The E-Cars owner has moved into Mike’s Auto on West Main Street and is asking for a change of use. Previously, there was a requirement for the property owner to have a detention pond as well as oil/water separators. There is a question whether the detention pond still exists as there was considerable wood cutting work done in that area by the previous owner. A site walk by the Planning Board should be done.

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4. Correspondence:

- a) Forestry Statutory Permit by Notification NH DES File #2023-00948 received April 17, 2023
R 20 Lot 24
- b) Tilton-Northfield Fire Department NH DES File #2023-01137 Wetlands Permit by Notification
928 Laconia Road
- c) Email from Tony Pucci re: NH DOT guardrail plans

Other:

- a) **Route 3 NH DOT Guardrail plans** – Jon read an email from Mrs. Forrester about the project indicating that planning and additional input meetings were being delayed. Members expressed concern that, as the situation continues to degrade, the guardrails are in danger of catastrophic failure. If this were to occur, the department could invoke emergency plans (dumping riprap material into the river) that would negatively impact the flow of the river and areas downstream, as the TCC and others have warned the department. Jon made a **motion**, which was seconded by Bob, to contact Executive Councilors Joseph D. Kenney and Cinde Warmington to share these concerns. The secretary will also contact the Northfield Conservation Commission and the Tilton Historical Society.

Helen made a **motion** to adjourn, seconded by Paul, at 7:52 p.m. All were in agreement.

Respectfully submitted by Kathi Mitchell