

**Meeting**  
**Tilton Conservation Commission**  
**Tilton Town Hall First Floor Meeting Room**  
**March 17, 2025**  
**MINUTES**

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

The chair opened the meeting at **5:02 pm**.

1. **January minutes** – Bob made a **motion** to approve the January minutes as amended (changes in red ink). Ken seconded the motion. The minutes for January were approved.

**2. Old Business:**

**a) WRTA** – Ken reported about the two federal grant applications that he is working to complete. The town of Tilton has been supportive of his efforts. He has communicated with the people at the Lakes Region Planning Commission, and their input and advice has been most helpful. The Annual Trail Cleanup Day is scheduled for June 7 at 9:30 am.

**b) Salmon Run 2024 Credere Test Results** – While the test results are relatively stable, they indicate that arsenic is still an issue at MW-2 and MW5-R as well as MW-12. Part of the issue is that arsenic standards have been lowered in the last several years. The ORP suggests a lack of oxygen and the dissolved oxygen levels are low.

**c) Trash concerns at Nucar** – Trash appears to be blowing out of the open trash cans at the dealership and down the hillside near the WRTA trail. In the past, the health officer has contacted the company to encourage cleanup activities. The secretary will research the number of times this problem has been listed in the minutes in the past, and the chair will contact the health officer.

**3. New Business:**

**a) Available Lands** – Members reviewed various locations in town that might be available for wildlife corridors or for protection from development through easements or other means. Ken suggested working with the Lakes Region Planning Commission to discuss how to implement a map overlay project. It was decided to invite someone from the LRPC to attend our next meeting to discuss how to proceed. Ken will make the contact. Members discussed the proposed future development projects that were provided to NH DOT at the last selectmen's meeting. They also reviewed some of the state legislation that is being proposed to disable zoning regulations.

**b) Jim Cropsey - BCCD meeting** – Jim attended a meeting where topics included wildlife corridors, agricultural land protection, and assisting local farmers. The idea is to assist state and county programs. Paul noted that the Belknap County Delegation has seriously reduced the budgets of the Belknap County Conservation District and NH Cooperative Extension. Jim also noted that members of the Belmont and Laconia conservation commissions would like to meet with the TCC to discuss areas of how we can work together.

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- c) **Website update** – Jim is modifying the former Ducks Unlimited website to add wildlife sightings and photos. We will include a link to his site on the TCC webpage.

### **4. Correspondence:**

- a) Email correspondence from Brian Wujcik 115 Clark Road on February 28 and March 1
- b) NH DES changes for Shoreland Protection permit applications
- c) Federal Agency Regulatory Commission February 10
- d) NH DES AoT 25021-023 Winnisquam Village Condominium R7 Lot 11-100 February 11
- e) NH DES SPN (ROW) Eversource vegetation maintenance February 19
- f) NH DES File # 2025-003378 RFMI 115 Clark Road R16 Lot 5

### **5. Other:**

- a) Nominations- Helen made a **motion**, seconded by Bob to nominate Chuck to be the chair.  
All were in favor, and the motion passed. Chuck made a **motion**, seconded by Jim, to nominate Helen and Bob to be vice-chairs. All were in favor, and the motion passed.
- b) Ken agreed to be in charge of putting up (and taking down) the chain at the Salmon Run parking lot.
- c) Issues of interest and concern to the town were discussed.

**The meeting was adjourned at 6:13 pm.**

Respectfully submitted by Kathi Mitchell