

**Meeting
Tilton Conservation Commission**

First Floor Meeting Room

January 19, 2026

MINUTES

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

Guest: Matthew Morris

The chair opened the meeting at 7:05PM

- 1. Minutes:** Jim made a **motion** to accept the December minutes as presented. Bob seconded the motion, and the minutes were accepted.
- 2. Conservation Easement workshop:** Members determined that they needed to have goals, objectives, and purposes for introducing the concept of conservation easements, as well as a scoring system to prioritize decisions. It was agreed that wildlife corridors from Tilton to Sanbornton would be important, as well as areas to protect the aquifer and to connect fragmented sections of land. Matthew presented a packet of maps of Tilton showing aerial imagery, conservation focus areas, water resources, wildlife action plan data, and wildlife corridors. Members reviewed and discussed these valuable resources. It will be necessary to review maps and properties and to discuss ways to reach/contact people to invite them to an informational meeting in the spring where they can learn about conservation easements. It was decided to form a subcommittee to identify property owners and to make plans for future activities. Matthew, Bob, Ken, Paul, and Kathi volunteered to be on the committee which will hold its first meeting on January 29 at 6:00 pm. Special thanks to Matthew for his expertise and interest in assisting with this project.
- 3. Old Business:**
 - a) Salmon Run** – No new information.
 - b) WRTA** – The cleanup at the I-93 accident scene has been re-scheduled for the spring. There is no update on the federal grant.
- 4. New Business:**
 - a) Annual Report to the Town** – After discussion and review, Paul made a **motion**, seconded by Jim, to add the following language to the proposed annual report from the TCC to the Town: "In the spring, there will be a public , educational meeting for interested landowners. Watch for the time and date or contact the commission for more information." The motion was approved.
- 5. Correspondence:**
 - a)** Federal Energy Regulatory Commission 12-19-2025
 - b)** Emails from Silver Lake Association 12-29 2025 re: invasives removal for 2026
 - c)** NH DES Incomplete AoT Application for Wallace Products 1-08-2026
 - d)** NH DES 2026-0004 Shoreland Standard – 35 Beach Street J and A Johnson Family Trust
 - e)** NH DES 2026-00073 Standard Dredge & Fill – 35 Beach Street J and A Johnson Family Trust

6. Other: Three members need to fill out the paperwork to renew the membership on the commission, each for a three-year term. Items of interest and concern were discussed.

Jim made a **motion**, seconded by Ken, to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 PM, and all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Kathi Mitchell