Meeting
Tilton Conservation Commission
Tilton Town Hall first floor meeting room
October 19, 2026
MINUTES

Present: Chuck Mitchell (chair), Jim Cropsey, Helen Hanks, Ken Norton, Paul Rushlow, Peter Spear, and Kathi Mitchell

Guest: Matthew Morris

The chair opened the meeting at 7:00 pm

1. **Minutes:** Jim made a **motion**, seconded by Ken, to accept the August minutes. The motion was approved. Ken made a **motion**, seconded by Jim, to accept the September minutes. All were in favor.

2. **Old Business:**
   a) Salmon Run – Dylan McGuffin has been contacted about clearing brush along the river. Chuck will continue to communicate with him. The DPW mowed the parcel closest to town. There was a discussion about lilacs to be added to the property in the spring to continue the historic precedent.
   b) WRTA – An out-of-town representative from the WOW Trail independently visited the selectboard. Ken attended the next meeting to provide accurate information to the selectboard members. A regional trail is a priority. Ken discussed ideas about expanding the trail from Route 140 to the NH DOT Park 'N Ride. Pedestrian crossings will be necessary. The Taste of the Trails was very successful. The fence repair from the I-93 truck crash has been completed.

3. **New Business**:
   a) 2027 Budget – Members reviewed funds in the Easement Monitoring and Change of Use Funds as well as the 2026 budget line items. Chuck will check with the finance director about additions to Change of Use from the Amazon project.
   Helen made a **motion**, seconded by Paul, to change the Consultation/Professional Assistance line item to $2400 and to make the Miscellaneous item $350, keeping the total request to $10,000. The motion was approved unanimously.
   b) NHACC Dues – Helen made a **motion**, seconded by Jim, to approve paying dues for the TCC's membership for 2027. All were in favor.
   c) Warrant article for milfoil - There was an extensive discussion about applying for funding from NH DES to begin milfoil removal in the area of the Winnipesaukee River past the boat ramp near the Holiday Inn. The boat ramp is a popular area for kayaks and tubing; and, it is currently infested with invasive plants that will require continued treatment and monitoring. Helen made a **motion**, seconded by Ken, to propose a warrant article requesting $9000 for milfoil removal for Silver Lake (Silver Lake Association), Lake Winnisquam (Winnisquam Watershed Network), and the Winnipesaukee River (TCC). The motion passed.

4. **Correspondence**:
   a) NH DES #2026-02077 22 Contigiani Drive U2A -1 Winnisquam Resort Condos Standard Dredge & Fill

5. **Other**:
   a) No recent reports to the town from Jeff Madon re: the Amazon project have been received.
   b) The Master Plan committee is expected to meet soon. Comments and concerns were presented by the TCC.
   c) Chuck met with Mr. and Mrs. Sellars to discuss the TCC meeting in October where Amy Manzelli and representatives from the Lakes Region Conservation Trust and the Forest Society presented information for area residents.
   d) Current use, conservation easements, updating the NRI, and the East Main Street Road will be discussed at the November meeting.

Jim made a motion, seconded by Paul, to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 pm. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Kathi Mitchell.