

**Meeting
Tilton Conservation Commission
First Floor Meeting Room
May 18, 2026
MINUTES**

Present: Chuck Mitchell (chair), Bob Hardy, Jim Cropsey, Helen Hanks, Ken Norton, and Kathi Mitchell

Guests: Matthew Morris

The chair opened the meeting at 7:02 pm

1. Minutes: Bob made a **motion** to accept the April minutes as presented. Helen seconded the motion, and the minutes were accepted as presented.

2. Old Business:

a) Salmon Run – It was reported that there may have been an RV parked overnight in the parking lot. We need to monitor this matter throughout the summer. There was a discussion about the future of the perennial gardens.

b) WRTA – June 6 is the scheduled cleanup day for the trail. Home Depot employees did a cleanup on April 24. Scott Hilliard is working with WRTA on the I93 fence where the accident took place last year. There is still a lot of trash remaining from the cleanup. The Selectboard approved the trail association's plan to work with the Lakes Region Planning Commission on plans for continuing the trail from Route 140 and Park-'N-Ride.

c) Conservation Easements –

- (1) Monitoring easements were discussed. Some properties which are virtually inaccessible may not need to be visited. Members will fill out reports for properties that are public accessible. The WiCC teachers and students will be asked to monitor the WRSD easement.
- (2) Matt reported on his discussions with Amy regarding the fall educational program about conservation easements for the community. Matt is still trying to make contact with the Forest Society to see if they will participate. The police department will be the venue.

d) Simmons Court – Chuck reported on the meeting with the Selectboard about placing a conservation easement on the property to protect it for the future. No decision was reached at that time, and no information has been received since then.

3. New Business:

a) Master Plan – A majority of the members felt it was extremely important to participate in the process. There was a concern about daytime meetings which would exclude people who work.

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b) Vernal Pool – Jim attended the workshop on identifying vernal pools. He discussed primary indicators and how to determine if a vernal pool should be registered with the State. Jim will scan the materials from the workshop to be uploaded to the TCC website. Ken made a **motion** to reimburse Jim for the seminar. Helen seconded the motion, and the motion passed with one abstention.

5. Correspondence:

- a) NH DES #2026-00094** Pennichuck Water Works Silver Lake Road Emergency Authorization
April 23 - Approved
- b) NH DES #2026-01006** NH DOT dock replacement adjacent to 850 Laconia Road
April 22 - pending
- c) NH DES Site #2019-112014** LUST Project #39659 15 Cedar Street Request for continued monitoring in May 2026 – Members suggested that the secretary should contact NH DES to see if there is a record of anyone with a well in the downgradient area who should be notified.

6. Other: Issues of interest and concern were discussed.

Helen made a **motion**, seconded by Jim, to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 PM, and all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Kathi Mitchell