

Meeting
Tilton Conservation Commission
First Floor Meeting Room Town Hall
August 17, 2026
MINUTES

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

Guest: Matthew Morris

The chair opened the meeting at 7:00 pm

1. **Minutes:** Ken made a **motion** to accept the July minutes as written. Helen seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved with one abstention.

2. **Old Business:**

a) Salmon Run – The chair will contact Dylan McGuffin to clear brush along the Winnepesaukee River and to remove some of the trees on the small island. Jim knows someone who is interested in doing some weeding in the gardens. Bob made the **motion** to hire the weeder. Ken seconded the motion and all were in favor. The members were happy to note that there are more wildflowers present this year thanks to the efforts of several members.

b) WRTA – The kiosk at Salmon Run has been updated with a new sign and Tilton Historical Society map.

Ken has weed-whacked the start of the trail. The Tastes of the Trails is scheduled for October 8 at the Elks Club in Franklin. Donations and sponsors are needed. WRTA is working with the Foothills Foundation to coordinate outdoor activities in the area. Work continues with the QR code and the newsletter. Ken and others participated in a walk-through at the Exit 20 area as WRTA looks for ways to continue the walking path from Route 140 to NH DOT. The Irving Station company has indicated they will extend the sidewalk on the north side, and Tanger Outlets may assist in extending it to the 99 Restaurant.

c) Easements – Matt has prepared flyers for the September 14 easement educational forum about easements and delivered them to many places in the community. The secretary will post on the Facebook site and will send articles to the Laconia Sun and Winnisquam Echo. Chuck will check with Tim Pearson about videotaping the presentation. Cookies and cider will be provided. Members should be prepared for a short meeting from 6-6:30 at the Police Station for revised plans for Sanborn Road storage.

3. **New Business:**

a) Milfoil Removal -The secretary is working with NH DES and Pauline to prepare the paperwork for milfoil removal at the 140 boat ramp next summer. There are many details that have to be addressed. She will contact the Northfield CC to see if they are willing to share costs with NH DES as well. Paul brought up new information about pesticides and

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permitting issues between the Pesticide Board and NH DES, referencing a recent article in the Laconia Sun. Knotweed continues to be a problem on state roads in Tilton. An email will be sent to NH DOT to express our concerns for removal.

4. Correspondence:

- a) AoT reports for Amazon project at Business Park Drive
- b) NH DES 3M Company permit to emit pollutants
- c) Winnisquam resort NH DES File# 2026-02077 22 Contigiani Drive Standard
Dredge & Fill rebuild and reconfigure 17 slip permanent docking structure
with 40' walkway

5. Other: Bob presented information about the Parks Commission's plans for a new playground at Riverfront Park and the grant from Franklin Savings Bank to assist with that project.

Ken made a **motion**, seconded by Jim, to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 PM, and all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Kathi Mitchell