TILTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
OCTOBER 20, 2008

MINUTES

Members present: Helen Hanks, Chuck Mitchell, Ben Wadleigh, Jon Scanlon, Jim Cropsey and Kathi Mitchell. Also present: Eliza Conde, Secretary.

Minutes: Chuck Mitchell moved, seconded by Ben Wadleigh to accept the minutes of September 15, 2008 as read. Motion passed.

Procopio update: Sukie Clark attended the ZBA meeting to present the Commissions position on this project. The application is continued to the November meeting. DES’ request more information dated 9-19-08 includes a lengthy list of items to be clarified and completed for the wetlands application.

Easements: No further information at this time.

Blue Moon report: Members reviewed the completed report submitted by Blue Moon Environmental relative to a parcel for sale. Further clarification of dimensions is needed to determine the space available for a building footprint. Discussion followed on the appropriate steps to take to pursue purchase of this property. Information required:

1. An appraisal,
2. The exact procedure for expenditure of Conservation funds,
3. The dimensions of the buildable area,
4. Attorney’s advice for the proper procedure to make an offer.

Chuck Mitchell will draft a letter to Attorney Puffer.

Tilton Nursery: Helen Hanks reported that it appears material is still being pushed into the water as if the plan is to re-route the flow of water.

Budget: It was agreed to submit the following budget for 2009:

1. Annual members stipends ($300 x 7) $2100
2. Alternate members stipends 600
3. Secretary salary 1200
4. Workshops/conferences 250
5. Miscellaneous expenses 250
6. Certified Wetlands Scientists funds 500
7. Dues 290
8. Legal advice 400

Total $5590

The Budget Committee will be reviewing the Conservation budget on December 3, 2008.

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Correspondence:

- Wetlands complaint to DES – 504 Laconia Road – It was recommended that this information be given to the Building Inspector as this appears to be a violation of the Wetlands Ordinance by creating a disturbance within the wetland buffer.
- DES – Moultonborough Hotel application denied. Will send a letter to DES indicating that the work has been completed.
- DES – Procopio – request for more information. A copy of this letter will be sent to the PB, ZBA and the Building Inspector.
- LRPC – Tri Town Aquifer. Chuck and Kathi Mitchell will represent Tilton for this worthwhile project.
- Master Plan – The Conservation chapter has not been completed.
- Belmont Conservation Commission: Natural Resources meeting. Jim and Bob to attend.

Fall newsletter: Articles submitted.

Other:

Ben Wadleigh has a list of questions relative to the wording of a standard conservation easement deed. He asked if items such as ATV trails, windmills, sale of rocks, graded camp sites for tenting could be allowed on easement property. Members agreed that the wording of an easement can be changed to fit the needs of the owner, but that some of these items may be pushing the limits of the purpose of creating a conservation easement.

Mansville Road residents are looking for support from the Conservation Commission to allow “low salt”, calcium or some other material to alleviate the icing problems on the road. It was suggested that the town will need to purchase calcium chloride for the new town park walkways, so perhaps it could also be used on Mansville Road.

Salt and the new Shoreland Protection act – all businesses along the river may need to use a different material and be more aware of disposal of snow. Further information will be sought from DES.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Eliza Conde, Secretary