TILTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
July 20, 2009  
MINUTES

Members present: Paul Rushlow, Kathi Mitchell, Jon Scanlon, Ben Wadleigh, Helen Hanks and Sukie Clark.

Minutes: Kathi Mitchell moved, seconded by Jon Scanlon to accept the minutes of June 15, 2009 as read. Motion passed.

Proposed uses of Tax Map U5 1A and U4 72 – 190 E Main St.: Patrick Bryson stated that if allowed to sell Christmas trees for this year, he would be sure the area was plowed by 4-wheeler or a shovel in order not to damage any newly installed loam or plantings. He also added that he would replace, replant or reseed if any damage occurred and that he would be willing to make a deposit for that purpose.

Members generally agreed that if the sale of trees is allowed it would be for this one year only, as the purchase of the land was for conservation purposes rather than commercial use. They also discussed the fact that work on the lot may not take place this year as they would prefer to have a carefully planned project which may take time to develop. Jon Scanlon suggested that the High School Agriculture class may be interested in designing and implementing a plan on the lot. Jon also commented that the town has never allowed any commercial use on any easement lands and he is concerned about setting a precedent.

Helen Hanks expressed concern about trash and the need to clean up any ropes and parts of trees. Sukie Clark commented that there were some residents who objected to the purchase of this property for conservation purposes. She added that if this is allowed it needs to be clear that it is for this one time only and that the town does not intend to use the property commercially. It was agreed that any parking for customers should be confined to the eastern portion of the property.

Ben Wadleigh moved, seconded by Paul Rushlow, that Patrick Bryson be allowed to sell Christmas trees for the 2009 season only as long as the town’s requirements are met and an agreement for parking, snow removal, trash pick up and restoration of any damage to loam or plantings is included. Motion passed. Helen Hanks will attend the Selectmen’s meeting when Mr. Bryson seeks his Hawkers and Peddlers’ license from the town. She will also request a walk through with Mr. Bryson after snow melt to remove any debris. There will be no charge for using the lot as it is understood that this is the last year at this location.

Conservation Newsletter: No progress. Articles to be submitted to Helen Hanks by July 24.

Easements: No report

Clean up report: Members spent a couple of hours cleaning up trash on the Martin property with the help of Ken Norton.
Correspondence:

- DES – Albert Fine – shoreland protection application
- ZBA agenda – Albert Fine: Members reviewed the application seeking a variance to replace an existing home with a new one on “nearly exactly” the same footprint. As it seems premature to grant a variance before DES has approved the project, a letter will be sent to the ZBA requesting that this decision be delayed until a permit is approved. The letter will also request that there be clarification of the exact location of the proposed building, the location of the 1,470 sq ft to be disturbed, what methods will be used to prevent runoff into the lake during construction and if there will be a new foundation, where will the old concrete be disposed of.
- DES – MC&G parking area.
- DES – Amero – more information needed
- DES – Clement Dam
- Procopio response to DES – a letter will be sent to DES requesting a site walk on this property. Members also questioned whether the deck would be impervious material, where disturbed materials will be stored and noted that the home is clearly located in the 100 year flood zone.
- Hill Road wetlands violation – suggested that Albert LaPlante should file a complaint with the DES.
- Land & People magazine – send in free subscription form
- DES grant proposals – Kathi Mitchell will investigate.

Other: As there is some question as to the amount available in the Conservation Fund, Eliza Conde was asked to request a detailed accounting of these funds since it was established.

Paul Rushlow suggested that the Commission try again to get an Agricultural Commission established in town.

Members were asked to think of possible names for the Martin property to be discussed at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Eliza Conde, Secretary