TILTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
July 15, 2013
MINUTES

Members present: Jon Scanlon, Kathi Mitchell, Charles Mitchell, Paul Rushlow and Helen Hanks

Minutes: Helen Hanks moved, seconded by Jon Scanlon to approve the minutes of June 17, 2013 as read. Motion passed.

Update on land purchase: Atty. Sessler is working on the wording for the deed to allow a bridge structure and change “will” to “may” in reference to allowing the river trail to have an easement on the property. Credere Assoc. recommended that a Phase I environmental survey be conducted on the property before purchase. The survey that was completed 4-5 years ago needs to be updated in order to have it be in effect for this purchase. If the survey has been done, and consequently hazardous material is found then the environmental company’s insurance covers the expense. Chuck Mitchell has contacted Klumb Environmental to discuss an update of their prior report. Helen Hanks questioned whether it would make sense to proceed with a Phase II assessment. Members discussed whether this would be necessary since no digging is planned on the property. It was pointed out that digging will be necessary for the bridge footing and people will be using the trail for recreation purposes. Helen Hanks moved, seconded by Jon Scanlon to ask Klumb Environmental if a Phase II assessment is recommended, and if so to obtain a quote funding for which can be approved in August. The intention was not to delay the sale of the property. Motion passed. John Scanlon moved, seconded by Paul Rushlow to fund up to $1,250 for an updated Phase I environmental assessment by Klumb Environmental for Tax Map U4 Lot 72 to be paid out of the Conservation Fund. Motion passed. Chuck Mitchell pointed out that DOT won’t sign off on the pedestrian bridge to be located on this property until the town actually owns it. Helen Hanks moved, seconded by Paul Rushlow to approve payment of Atty. Sessler’s bill for $709.16 out of the Conservation Fund. Motion passed.

Correspondence:

- DES – Shoreland permit for A W Towne Realty Trust (Map U2 Lot 47)
- Planning Board decision for A W Towne Realty Trust

Other:
• Chuck Mitchell updated members on the status of a potential conservation easement on the Wadleigh properties.

• Jon Scanlon suggested that the Commission work with the Selectmen to establish an ordinance to address snow storage in town. Chuck Mitchell commented that the state has restrictions relative to snow dumps on aquifers and the town also already has restrictions. The problem is finding a location that is not in the aquifer. Paul Rushlow agreed that it would be good to work on this now rather than wait until the first snow storm. Helen Hanks asked if there are any publicly owned properties in town that could be used even if it would require installation of a liner. Chuck Mitchell asked if members were willing to recommend violating its own ordinance relative to snow removal. Jon Scanlon suggested that it might be possible to store snow within the aquifer if a liner were installed. Helen Hanks suggested that the Commission could put together information resources relative to snow storage for the Selectmen. Chuck Mitchell agreed that the Commission can act in an advisory capacity and look at sites being considered. Jon Scanlon expressed concern that the town will use 61 Business Park Drive which is clearly within the aquifer. Kathi Mitchell and Jon Scanlon will research information relative to construction of snow dumps, locations, filtration, etc. Helen Hanks suggested the town needs to see if it is feasible to create a dump with a membrane lining rather than renting private land.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Eliza Conde, Secretary

Minutes approved August 19, 2013