TILTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
August 17, 2015
MINUTES

Present: Ben Wadleigh, Paul Rushlow, Jim Cropsey, Bob Hardy and Jon Scanlon.

Minutes: Jim Cropsey moved, seconded by Ben Wadleigh to accept the minutes of July 20, 2015 as read. Motion passed.

Ernie’s Update: Work on the river trail has begun with staging in the parking lot area of “Ernie’s”. Temporary fencing has been installed around the area during construction. WRTA has asked for permission to place a temporary sign on this fencing to indicate that the construction is for the trail. Jim Cropsey moved, seconded by Paul Rushlow to allow WRTA to place a temporary sign on the temporary fence with WRTA being responsible for the sign’s removal. Motion passed.

Correspondence:

- DES – Lord Hampshire approval for a seasonal pier.
- FEMA – Flood Plain determination for R23 Lot 22
- Boy Scouts – a request for suggestions for an Eagle Scout project. Jon Scanlon suggested cutting growth along the retaining wall between the Island and Salmon Run. Jim Cropsey suggested removal of trash, shopping carts, etc. during drawdown of the river. Bob Hardy explained that the Eagle Board looks at projects that take 100+ man hours with a long term effect, adding that cutting along the river would be a worthy project. Jon Scanlon expanded on this idea, suggesting that the Scout could do research on the mills and dam at the Salmon Run site, create a brochure explaining the history of the site and cut trees on the dam site as well as the retaining wall. The cutting could occur during the river drawdown. Jim Cropsey indicated that the drawdown may be longer this year as salmon ladders are to be built at the dam. Jon would be willing to work with the Scout and run any power equipment that would be needed. He will respond to Pat Consentino’s email and suggest that if the Scout is interested he should speak with the Selectmen and Conservation Commission.

Other: Jon Scanlon has attended meetings in Belmont relative to Casella’s expansion project. He learned that the project is a result of Casella’s continued exceedances in metals, COD and TCC and the requirement that Casella report to EPA on how they plan to correct the problem. The Belmont Planning Board has approved plans to manage the runoff to include a detention pond to allow metals to settle out. Jon will be attending a meeting with the Tilton and Belmont
planners to help determine if there is a better method of treating the runoff. He is concerned that the plans do not correctly show wetlands and that the pond is designed for a 50 year storm rather than 100 years. This will be a wet pond that will already be full when a major storm event occurs and the unnamed brook shown on the plan near the detention pond empties directly into the Tioga River and the town’s water supply. Jon would like to convince Belmont that this plan is of regional impact and needs to be looked at more carefully. His concerns include items such as the lack of wetlands and soil delineations, no monitoring wells required, methods used to remove the contaminated sediment and the lack of quality assurance requirements. Bob Hardy suggested that Jon and Dari Sassan consult with NRCS to determine the soil types and their suitable uses are on this property.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Eliza Conde, Secretary