TILTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
December 21, 2015

MINUTES

Members present: Chuck Mitchell, Chair, Jim Cropsey, Paul Rushlow, Bob Hardy, Ben Wadleigh, Kathi Mitchell, Jon Scanlon, Helen Hanks and Sukie Clark. Also present: Katherine Dawson, Jane Alden, Dari Sassan, Christine St. George and Julie Harvey-Bolia from the Planning Board.

Clement Dam: Corey Colby representing Eagle Creek explained that he had attended a pre-construction meeting with Bill Thomas at DES and the plan is essentially the same as that at Lochmere Dam which has been approved. The spillway will be wooden until it is determined to be in the right location at which time it will be replaced with concrete. There is a spillway and a plunge pool for a soft landing for the fish. Chuck Mitchell commented that Bill Thomas is very supportive of this program and that Eagle Creek has done everything Fish & Game has asked for. After further review of the wetlands application, Helen Hanks moved, seconded by Paul Rushlow to sign the application. Motion passed and application signed.

Proposed Wetlands amendments: Kathi Mitchell suggested that Agriculture and logging should be permitted rather than conditional. She asked about the relationship of the wetlands ordinance with other regulations and where the strictest would apply. She asked that section 14.2.1 be left in the wetlands ordinance. Chuck Mitchell asked for clarification of the definition of “buffer” which is different on page 6 than that on page 2. Dari Sassan explained that one is referring to markers during construction. Jim Cropsey presented 24 comments from Peter Spear, a certified wetlands scientist which Dari Sassan agreed to copy and distribute to Conservation and Planning Board members for discussion at the PB meeting.

Minutes: Bob Hardy moved, seconded by Paul Rushlow to accept the minutes of November 16, 2015 as read. Motion passed.

Review of checklist: Ben Wadleigh suggested a need to add how a project will effect run off from the project to the abutting properties. Helen Hanks will work on wording to add this in to the checklist.

Correspondence:

- DES – Eagle Creek, Lochmere Dam approval
- DES - Eagle Creek – Lochmere Dam
DES – Shalimar Shoreland Impact permit

Stoddard Conservation Commission letter re Bobcat season: Sukie Clark moved, seconded by Helen Hanks to add the Commission’s name to the letter to Fish & Game requesting that there be no bobcat hunting season. Bob Hardy stated that he is in favor of a season. Jim Cropsey objected to politicizing the Fish & Game decision and would prefer to let F&G decide what needs to be done. Kathi Mitchell commented that the advisory committee is made up of hunters. As there is a public comment session, Chuck Mitchell suggested that individual members could voice their opinion. Ben Wadleigh moved, seconded by Paul Rushlow to table this issue until January. Motion passed 5-3.

Other: Jon Scanlon asked if the Milfoil fund should be changed to include other invasive species as there are other invasive species impacting shorelines. Bob Hardy suggested there might be too many requests for the funding if the wording is not specific to waterways or public property. As there is currently $9000 in the fund there will be no additional funds in the new budget. This issue will be on the January agenda for further discussion. Helen Hanks will create a draft application for the use of these funds.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Eliza Conde, Secretary