Tilton Conservation Commission
Minutes from October 21, 2002

**Members Present:** Chuck Mitchell, Chair, Ben Wadleigh, Jon Scanlon, Sukie Clark Clark, Helen Dawson, Paul Rushlow

**Members Absent:** Bob Hardy, James Cropsey, Alternate

**Others Present:** Kathryn Melanson

**Call to order:** The meeting was called to order @ 7:01 p.m.

I. Approval/Correction of the September 19th, 2002 meeting minutes

It was moved by Sukie Clark and seconded by Helen Dawson to accept the minutes of September 19, 2002. The vote was unanimous.

II. Old Business:

A. Update on Conservation Easements

i. **Winnisquam School District**

The only item outstanding in the easement deed with the Winnisquam School District is that of a legal metes and bounds description on the deed and that the description will be done by the engineers involved and will be forthcoming.

ii. **Wal-Mart**

The TCC had received correspondence from Attorney Puffer dated October 11, 2002. Discussion ensued. The Commission will advise Attorney Puffer to pursue the conveyance of the park as best he can.

B. Other

Jon Scanlon moved that Bob Hardy be reappointed as the
Commission's representative to serve on the Tilton Park Committee. This motion was seconded by Ben Wadleigh. The vote was unanimous. Correspondence will go out to the Town Moderator stating same.

The TCC received information that meetings had been held regarding public water between the Town Planning Board and the Town of Northfield. There will be additional meetings conducted and it was encouraged that a member of the Commission attends the future meetings. Helen Dawson volunteered to attend these meetings. Jon Scanlon questioned whether or not in the past the Commission had asked for “Water Protection Area” signs. Discussion ensued.

The TCC received an expedited application for PSNH to run new wires and cables from Franklin to Laconia to add capacity. There would be some new poles set and two (2) new structures which would be environmentally safe wood towers and would be put in place after the ground was frozen. Chuck Mitchell stated that Bob Hardy had contacted PSNH about any other wetlands that would be impacted and had been told that the two swamp areas were the only wetlands involved; there would be one tower per swamp. Sukie Clark and Chuck Mitchell had reviewed the materials for this permit and signed off on it.

III. New Business:

A. Violation on 140 School Street, Filion Property

Chuck Mitchell received a phone call from an abutter of property @ 140 School Street who was concerned about the excavation operations going on. Both Bob Hardy and Chuck checked out the alleged violation and both concluded that there was, in fact, a large disturbance, as there was an access road being put in to access a 66 acre parcel. Chuck took pictures of the violation and delivered said pictures and complaint form to the DES. The TCC received correspondence from NHDES dated 10/16/2002 acknowledging receipt of this complaint.
B. Call from resident on School Street re: historic preservation

Chuck Mitchell received a phone call from one Rhoda Crowell who owned the property known as “The House by the Side of the Road” who had contacted the Commission looking for information on historic preservation. Chuck stated that he would forward some information for possible funding sources to Ms. Crowell.

C. Plans for December meeting

The Commission discussed whether they wished to have an expedited meeting in December from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. followed by a holiday gathering. All members were in agreement of this. A sign-up sheet will be passed around at the November meeting.

D. Other

On or about September 23, 2002, the Chair received a phone call from Holden Engineering & Surveying stating that they were working on the Jensen property in Tilton and looking for materials on what was necessary to proceed. Chuck forwarded a copy of the Commission’s check-list to Holden. It appears that the property owner or its agent has already met with the ZBA and is moving forward. The Commission received its dredge and fill application, affecting approximately 4 acres of wetlands, but said application is not date stamped when it was received at the Town Offices. Discussion ensued. Chuck stated that he would attempt to find out when the Town had received the application. John Scanlon moved that the Commission send a letter to the NHDES stating that it would like to schedule a site walk of the property as soon as possible, and have the ability to comment after said site walk. Ben Wadleigh seconded the motion.

E. Budget

The TCC received a notice that there would be a meeting @ 8:30 p.m. on October 23, 2002, at the Town Hall for all Town Committees to put forward their budget requests. Discussion
ensued and a budget was pulled together working off the 2002 budget. Chuck stated he would type up a formal request, e-mail it to all members, and get it to the Town before the deadline. Chuck Mitchell and Helen Dawson will be attending this 10/23/02 meeting on behalf of the Commission.

IV. Correspondence:

· Invite to NH Corporation of Wetlands Restoration Partnership and recognition of Little River Salt Marsh Restoration Project on 11/18/2002 @ 8:30 a.m.

· The Source Newsletter

· Correspondence from NHDES dated October 16, 2002 acknowledging application of Kristian Jensen III.

· Correspondence from NHDES dated 10/3/2002

· The Zoning Bulletin

· Tilton Main Street Program’s 2nd Annual Fundraising Auction to be held 11/14/02.

Other:

Concerns of Filion and Jensen properties as stated above.

V. Other

Adjourn: Sukie Clark moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

The motion was seconded by Paul Rushlow; the vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathryn Melanson,
Recording Secretary

Upcoming Meetings:
Monday, November 18, 2002, 7:00 PM
Monday, December 16, 2002, 6:00 PM