TILTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes – January 17, 2005

Members present: Sukie Clark, Bob Hardy, Chuck Mitchell, Jim Cropsey and Helen Hanks. Also present: Eliza Conde, Secretary.

Bob Hardy moved, seconded by Jim Cropsey to accept the minutes of December 20, 2004 as read. Motion passed.

Annual Report: Chuck Mitchell presented a draft of the annual report for the Tilton Town Report for 2004. Members reviewed the draft and made several changes and corrections. The report was accepted with the changes and will be submitted to the Town Clerk.

Konover: Chuck Mitchell reviewed the many emails between himself, Dusty McMahon, Peter Walker and Mark Puffer relative to the impending deadline for purchase of the mitigation property. It appears that Konover is still planning to make the purchase, that DES is in favor of the property and that the money is available. Chuck Mitchell is concerned about the timing as he will be out of town. A conference call with the parties involved will occur Tuesday, Jan. 18 at 8:30 am. Dusty McMahon informed Chuck that Konover has actually purchased the Shapiro property which means they will go ahead with a project anyway, and will need the mitigation property. Chuck Mitchell commented that he wants the deed to the property to include wording indicating that this is “conservation” property and not to be sold or developed at a later date. Timing of this purchase is crucial for Konover as they need to be sure that DES and the town will accept it as a mitigation property after it has been purchased. Jim Cropsey suggested that the deed can be put into escrow allowing the parties involved to finish the mitigation process. Members reviewed the Environmental Site Assessment and Baseline Documentation reports for the mitigation property.
**Park Committee:** Bob Hardy reported that Peter Walker met with DES. DES is generally agreeable to the fishing piers and boat launch but is looking for more detail. DES wants the boat ramp to be recessed further to avoid runoff, but Jim Cropsey noted that there is ledge in that area which may make it difficult. Treatment of runoff from the parking lot still needs work. Chuck Mitchell commented that perhaps it is time for the Park Committee to make a presentation to the Conservation Commission for comment about the water runoff and requirements.

**Master Plan:** Helen Hanks reviewed the new Master Plan for Tilton which does not seem to include the Chapter on wetlands conservation and preservation. Wetlands are referred to throughout the Plan, but there is no specific chapter as in the 1994 Master Plan. It appears that the new Master Plan does not build upon the two previous plans but is an entirely new format. After discussion about this matter, Jim Cropsey moved, seconded by Bob Hardy, to ask Helen Hanks to attend the next Planning Board meeting to discuss the Conservation Commission’s dissatisfaction with the new Master Plan and note the inadequacies of the wetlands maps, etc. Motion passed.

**Correspondence:** Notification of LRPC meeting in Northfield January 24.

DES letter re Tanger Outlet permit denied.

Chuck Mitchell plans to attend “GIS for Community Decision Makers in Durham and asked if Bob Hardy could attend while Chuck is in Florida. Bob will get back to Chuck

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Eliza Conde, Secretary