Members present: Jonathon Scanlon, Paul Rushlow, Ben Wadleigh, Bob Hardy, Sukie Clark. Also present: Eliza Conde, Secretary.

Dick Paulhus, Resource Officer at WRSD asked permission for the Agricultural students to cut fallen trees on trails in Buffalo Park in order to use the trails for biking. He asked if the Conservation Commission would give him a letter granting permission for the trail maintenance. Paul Rushlow noted that liability is an issue, but that the school can probably provide the appropriate insurance coverage. Bob Hardy agreed that permission could not be granted without proof of insurance. He also explained to Dick that the town does not own all the way to Colby Road, so that he would need to get permission to go through either private property or land of the Soldier’s Home. Bob also expressed concern about some of the wet areas in the trails and the need for bridge structures to protect the wetlands.

Bob Hardy explained that trail maps have not been completed at this time. The Conservation Commission might be interested in having the Agricultural Department help with creating the parking lot and trail maintenance. Dick said the biking wouldn’t happen until May or June, so the insurance issue can be worked out before then. Bob noted that many of the fallen trees have been removed already, so that there may be no issue with tree removal anyway. If the Ag. Dept. is to do any maintenance on the trails, the Con. Comm. will have guidelines about what can and cannot be removed, the width of the trail, etc.

Minutes: Paul Rushlow moved, seconded by Ben Wadleigh to accept the minutes of January 16, 2006 as read. Motion passed.

REI Easement signs: Ben Wadleigh moved, seconded by Sukie Clark to remove the wording immediately around the Arch and change the wording within the circle to read “Tilton Conservation Easement”. It was agreed that Eliza will inquire about costs for easement signs from Voss Signs and report at the next meeting.

Brooks Holdings: A letter was sent to the Planning Board with concerns as discussed at the last meeting with the additional comment about the direct drainage into Ice House Pond.

WRSD: There has been no further communication with WRSD relative to the required easement fee in the amount of $625. Bob Hardy commented that the easement areas are a mess with lots of trash. Ben Wadleigh moved, seconded by Jon Scanlon to send a letter to the WRSD School Board relative to the easement fee and the trash in the detention basins and attach the previous letter concerning conditions of the easement. Motion passed.
REI: Sukie Clark asked about the Conservation Easement as proposed by REI for the Plessner property on Clark Road. There is no mention of logging or cutting of trees. Discussion followed concerning the landowner’s right to clear an area for field or pasture, the right to fence off the property that has an easement on it and the allowing of other structures. Members will review copies of the easement deed and have comments ready for the next meeting.

Sukie Clark noted that there is no access to the proposed easement area for the lots closest to Calef Hill Road. If those residents want to go to the easement land, they will need to walk down Clark Road to the access. She made a motion, seconded by Paul Rushlow to send a letter to REI suggesting a deeded right of way for residents of the subdivision from the cul-de-sac so that all residents of the 14 lots can access the easement to avoid having to walk on Clark Road. Motion passed.

Walmart Surety Bond: A letter from CAN Surety has been received stating that the surety bond has been cancelled by Walmart. Bob Hardy commented that if Walmart has cancelled the Bond, then they should deed the easement property to the town. The Bond was required to cover maintenance of the easement property if the town is required to do any of the work. As it was a provision of the original easement agreement, the bond should be reinstated.

Correspondence:
- DES – Charles Lawrence permit approval
- DES – Konover permit approval
- DES – Ronald Smith – complaints relative to docking facilities
- DES – Autoserve – Complaint
- DES – Belair – complaint
- DES – Alteration of Terrain permit from Tilton Hotel Partners, LLC. A letter of intervention will be sent to DES as the Con. Comm. has not seen any plans for this application and therefore cannot comment at this time.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Eliza Conde, Secretary