TILTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES – MARCH 20, 2006

Members present: Sukie Clark, Helen Hanks, Ben Wadleigh, Paul Rushlow, Bob Hardy, Chuck Mitchell. Also present: Eliza Conde, Secretary.

Bob Hardy moved, seconded by Ben Wadleigh to accept the minutes of Feb. 20, 2006 as read. Motion passed.

Buffalo Park/NRI: Peter Walker was unable to attend the meeting. Chuck passed out draft copies of the Tilton NRI for members to review for the next meeting. After review of the Buffalo Park trail map the following changes were suggested:

1. Outside boundary should be clear on the map
2. Name and location of access roads on map as external points of reference
3. Old stone bridge included on map
4. Note the existence of the old “buffalo” fences
5. CC will want the map in pdf format in order to make additions/changes over time.
6. “Tilton, NH” on the map
7. Rules and regulations should be included with the map
8. No need for shading areas for different tree types
9. At later date could include a key for tree species
10. Include coordinates
11. Trails to be indicated by a symbol or color….maps do not need to be in color, but a symbol could indicate a color.
12. Dead end trails heading toward private property need to indicate “dead end”…..do not want to lead people to private property.

Items to be pursued for further improvements:
- Easement on Tilton School Pond property
- Easement for access through Hussman property
- Signage indicating “private property” and “dead end” on the short trails

Buffalo Park trees endangering 2 neighbors have to be dealt with. Dennis Allen gave a price from Top Notch Tree Service of 8 hours at $225/hour. Chuck Mitchell suggested that his neighbor may want to do the work if he can show liability insurance. Paul Rushlow will contact the WRHS Ag Dept to see if they would be interested in doing the work. They could also cut the trees for the proposed parking area. Paul will ask Mr. Firth of the Ag Dept to contact Dennis Allen.

Sukie Clark suggested combining the Buffalo Park grand opening with the Riverfront Park opening in August.
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**Holiday Express:**
Members reviewed the plans of the proposed Holiday Express on Tax Map R23 Lot 22. Concerns relative to disturbance of the 50 foot buffer area, lack of snow storage, lack of calculations for a 50 year storm, lack of oil/separator drainages and in general all drainage ends up in the Winnipesaukee River. This lot is located in the flood zone and needs to be flood proof.

A letter will be sent to DES Site Specific with copies to the Planning Board, Shoreland Protection, ZBA with following points of concern:

1. The drainage swales shown on the plan are located on State of NH property, therefore runoff is not being treated on site.
2. The Conservation Commission requires a report for runoff for a 50 year storm
3. The 1 foot differential between 2 catch basins is not enough to handle drainage
4. The two proposed drainage swales do not appear to be large enough to handle drainage from whole site.
5. Oil/Water separators required
6. Roof runoff must be collected and treated
7. Conservation Commission strongly urges that the 50’ buffer not be disturbed
8. All drainage appears to go directly into the river without treatment
9. Snow storage shown on plan drains directly into the river.
10. Fencing along parking lot needed to keep snow storage away from river
11. Dumpster needs to be covered as it is located near the river
12. The Commission requests a complete copy of the Wetland’s study as the flooding area is not shown on the plan
13. Granite sloped curbing should be required around all parking areas
14. Is 2” sewer pipe adequate for proposed use?

**Plessner Easement:** Chuck Mitchell explained that the easement document for the Winnisquam Village had inadvertently left out any reference to forestry requirements and practices. The forestry wording will be included in the Plessner/REI easement. Further inclusions will be that all boundaries are to be marked with approved boundary markers and that an electronic map for use with the ArcView program be forwarded to the Commission. Allan Clark of REI has agreed with the above and the easement document should be ready for the next meeting.

Members approved the boundary markers as proposed by REI. Bob Hardy moved, seconded by Helen Hanks to purchase 500 markers from VOSS signs after asking permission from Mr. Clark to use the same design. Motion passed.

As there are many emails circulating between meetings, it was agreed that they will be printed and kept in the Commission’s records.
Ken Norton had indicated concern about runoff into the River from the Konover project. DES has been notified.

Winnisquam Village: An intent to cut timber was filed with the town. A letter was sent to RJ Moreau with concern about cutting in the easement area. Mr. Moreau responded by email that all cutting occurred in the area to be developed and not in the easement area.

WHRS: They have agreed to clean up trash in the easement areas, to fence the easement areas and a check for $625 has been received by the Commission.

Tamworth: Paul Rushlow moved, seconded by Bob Hardy to send a letter of support for local control of wetlands issues. Motion passed.

Brooks Holdings: Members reviewed a letter from DES with many insufficiencies for a wetlands permit.

Oxbow Initiative: Helen Hanks moved, seconded by Bob Hardy to send a letter opposing the location of the proposed site for disposal of ash on the Merrimack River. Motion passed.

Lochmere Village Sewer Project: Members reviewed the plans with no comment.

Conservation Easement Monitoring Report Form: Helen Hanks created a form based upon several town’s forms. Several changes were suggested. It was agreed to create a form letter to send each year to owners of easement properties indicating that the monitoring will be taking place and they are welcome to join the Commission for the monitoring.

GPS: Members discussed the need for a GPS unit that would be compatible with the ArcView program to help with the easement monitoring.

Officers: Ben Wadleigh moved, seconded by Paul Rushlow to retain the present slate of officers. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Eliza Conde, Secretary
March 21, 2006

NH Association of Conservation Commissions
54 Portsmouth Street
Concord, NH 03301

Dear NHACC,

The Tilton Conservation Commission is seeking to support the NHACC in their filing of an amicus brief on behalf of local control in regard to the appeal of Motorsports Holdings, LLC (MH) to the NH Supreme Court. On December 5, 2005, Judge McHugh of the Rockingham Superior Court issued an Order to MH stating that they must file for a Special Use Permit under the Tamworth Wetlands Ordinance regardless of their having already obtained dredge and fill permits from the NHDES Wetlands Bureau and the Army Corps of Engineers. On January 4, 2006 MH appealed this ruling to the NH Supreme Court.

Motorsports Holdings’ argument that they do not need to file a local permit appears to undermine the very process of local control that we believe in very strongly. Our concern for the strength and verity of our ordinances is such that we would favor the timely intervention by the NHACC in filing a friend of the court brief that expresses this concern. We believe that the quality of life in our town and others across NH could suffer if we lose our local control.

Thank you very much for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Charles Mitchell, Chairman
March 21, 2006

Commissioner Michael Nolin
NH DES
28 Hazen Drive
Concord, NH 03301

Re: Proposed trash landfill in Canterbury

Dear Commissioner Nolin,

As a fellow riverfront town, Tilton shares Canterbury’s concerns relative to the location of the proposed landfill location for the Concord Regional Solid Waste Resource Recovery Co-op towns on the banks of the Merrimack River.

Canterbury and Concord have dedicated much time and tax dollars to the permanent protection of large tracts of land along Merrimack River, recognizing the importance of this river corridor for the area’s water supply, recreation and wildlife. The area in question is in a particularly sensitive area along the river and between the easement parcels. Locating a landfill on the banks of the Merrimack River could reverse all the efforts made to clean the river and protect its shore lands.

It is hoped that the Co-op can solve its landfill problems without compromising the Merrimack River and the surrounding conservation lands.

Sincerely,

Charles Mitchell, Chairman

Cc: Governor John Lynch
Oxbow Initiative
Date:

To:

From: Charles Mitchell, Chairman
      Tilton Conservation Commission

Re: Monitoring of easement property

As agreed in the Conservation Easement granted by _______ to the Town of Tilton Conservation Commission, Commission members will be walking the property at some point during the year. The purpose of this annual monitoring is to observe any changes, violations, etc that may have occurred on the property which may need attention.

If a representative from your company would like to be included in this activity, please contact me at 286-........ or by email at.......... to make arrangements for a date and time.

Thank you