Present: Chuck Mitchell, Chair, Bob Hardy, Helen Hanks, Sukie Clark, Ben Wadleigh & Jon Scanlon

Also Present: Peter Walker, VHB engineering

The meeting was called to order @ 7:10 PM

Motion to approve the minutes from March 20th (as written.), Motion passed.

New Business:

Chuck showed the commission, pictures taken behind BJ’s which shows a great deal of trash in the wetlands and adjacent land. It was moved to send the pictures along with a letter to BJ’s requesting that they clean-up the area around and near the wetland. Motion passed.

A second picture was circulated showing the pile of salt behind and to the left of the Green Ginger in the Shaw’s plaza. The picture clearly shows that the run-off containing a lot of salt was running directly into the storm drain and from there directly into the adjacent river. It was moved to send a copy of the pictures to NH DES with a copy to Shaw’s. Motion passed.

A third picture was shown of snow piles to the east of Bittern Lane and to the west of Ice House Pond, which was directly across the street from M&B Tractor. Clearly, the melting and run-off was directly entering Ice House pond, which we believe is directly contrary to the conditions of their site plan. It was moved to send a letter to DES with a copy to M&B tractor. Motion passed.

Chuck passed around pictures of a potential violation on Noyes Road. These pictures were taken on August 23, 2005, and which might add some credence to the recent allegations of filling in of the adjacent wetlands. The pictures were given to Helen Hanks who is filing a complaint with NHDES.

It was moved that the commission continue to pay for the chair and vice chairs to have membership in the NH Association of Natural Resource Scientists. Motion passed. It was suggested we email in all data to have the names included in the new directory.

Helen Hanks gave a brief synopsis of the Drinking Water Meeting which was held at the Tilton Town Hall last week and sponsored by the Lakes Region Planning Commission. Representatives from Tilton, Northfield and Belmont were there. Helen indicated that the TCC was interested in seeking a higher classification of the Tioga Aquifer, but got little support from Belmont and Northfield. They are trying to get the three towns to agree on a Best Management Practices for businesses etc. that are on or near an aquifer.

There was a brief discussion of the possible availability of a piece of land which extends from route 3 and 11 to Lake Winnisquam. It was moved to support efforts to secure this parcel of land and further, would be willing to use the money in the “Change of Use Fund” to put down a deposit for its purchase (if permissible). A letter will be sent to the selectmen indicating our support.
Old Business:

REI / Plessner:

We need a new copy of the easement draft to include:
- Provisions for forestry management
- Ability to apply for cutting up to 2 cords of woods with TCC approval
- No new fencing to be installed within the easement area
- A right of way from the new road to the easement (end cul-de-sac @ 20 wide)

Brooks Holdings: Members reviewed the fact that Lakes Region VW Audi has agreed verbally to grant an easement all along the pond and Hunt brook along the Western boundary of Ice House Pond.

Buffalo Park - Peter Walker:

A contract for the work of posting the corner and boundary markers has been sent to Chuck via email and as soon as signed VHB will get it done within a few weeks.

Re: the trail map: Discussion relative to the updated map and suggestions made by Peter Walker included the following:
- Use geometric shapes like circles, triangles etc. to mark the different trails… we then can use color coded like orange for circles etc.
- Use signs such as “You are now leaving Buffalo Park” or “Entering private property”
- A couple pieces of the trail are missing… Bob will coordinate with a person @ VHB to do a site walk and to locate the missing pieces.
- Show some streets… it would shrink the map of BP too much to properly show the near by abutting roads. Use an inset… Show the Soldiers Home, Tilton School Pond
- Add a 2 foot contour on the map
- Leave the cover type designation… ie. Pine, hardwood etc.…
- Add a wetland symbols on the map
- Identify five main trails with geometric (maybe a sixth).
- Triangles, circles, squares, five pointed stars… (both open and closed)
- Remove the designation of old trees and rename them to wolf trees
- Identify the stone bridge.. Any vernal pools…
- Around the perimeter, show the names of some of the properties, ie. Tin Corner Farm, Tilton School, Vets home, and Baptist Church, Town property.
- Include the wording from section 3.7 from the NRI… (may edit old growth)…
Buffalo Park Parking Lot:

The set back for the parking lot can be 20’. Need a survey crew to take a couple of shots to complete some more work on the parking lot. Will ask Center Sanders to take a look at it.

Motion: That the commission approach the selectmen to place a Conservation Easement on the town owned lot to the south side of the Tilton School Pond in anticipation of using that area to access Buffalo Park. Moved by Helen, seconded by Jon Scanlon.

Minutes prepared by Chuck Mitchell