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

**REI/Plessner:** Alan Clark and Lee Tessier of REI made a brief re-cap presentation of their plans as submitted in their Dredge and Fill Permit application. They asked the Commission for a letter of approval or no comment to be sent to DES. Ben Wadleigh asked about abutter Mr. Haberman’s drainage. Mr. Clark replied that it should be improved by the proposed work, but certainly won’t increase the Haberman’s drainage issues. He has agreed to leave a 20 foot no disturb buffer behind the Haberman property. Chuck Mitchell inquired about a maintenance plan for the proposed pond, but it was determined that the depth of the pond will not encourage aquatic growth.

At this time, the plan is to connect to municipal water with some additional pumping or booster system. However, if a private well is required, REI wishes to locate the well on the proposed easement property. Fencing around the well would be required. The easement document prohibits fencing in the easement property, however, fencing around the well area would be acceptable.

**Minutes:** Ben Wadleigh moved, seconded by Bob Hardy to accept the minutes of April 17, 2006 as read. Motion passed.

**Sullivan:** Chuck Mitchell reported that he had submitted a wetlands complaint to DES relative to the new construction of roadways within a wet area. DES responded that since this project was signed off by two wetland scientists they would not be taking action on the issue. It appears that the road will have to be relocated slightly as it is too close to the stone wall. Bob Hardy commented that this demonstrates the need for the Conservation Commission to hire its own wetland scientist to oversee future plans when there are questions.

**Buffalo Park/paint ball games:** Discussion relative to allowing paint ball gaming within the park as opposed to firearm hunting led to the conclusion that if paint ball games are allowed there could be a large event held there drawing people from all over the state. Bob Hardy pointed out that hunters are trained to never point their gun at a person, while the objective for paint ball gamers is to aim and shoot at any human until struck by the paint ball. Bob Hardy moved, seconded by Ben Wadleigh that the Conservation Commission ban the discharging of paint ball guns into or from Buffalo Park. Motion passed.

**Buffalo Park/parking:** Chuck Mitchell reported that he and a representative from VHB staked out an area for a parking lot for approximately 7 vehicles and designed so that a school bus can turn around. Chuck has a person who may be interested in cutting and removing the trees for the material. He asked that members look at the marked area so
that it can be approved at the next meeting. The town has not appropriated dollars for the construction of the parking area, but can proceed with as much of the project as possible without spending money. When the size and exact location are determined, a cost estimate can be determined. Bob Hardy moved, seconded by Paul Rushlow to table this issue until next month. Motion passed.

**Buffalo Park/mapping:** Bob Hardy worked with a representative from VHB to locate the trails with a GPS unit. He will make changes to the map draft. The three main trails will be called “Buffalo Run”, “Deer Path” and “Turkey Trot”, designated on the map by symbols. Changes made to the “Rules” section of the brochure were:
- Remove the first “Visitors…..” and put it in its own paragraph along with “Carry In, Carry out”
- Activities not permitted to include no paint ball gaming

**Conservation signs:** Chuck Mitchell presented a draft for the Buffalo Park signs. Remove the bottom wording, replace it with “Tilton, NH”, lower the Buffalo sketch. Bob Hardy moved, seconded by Ben Wadleigh to have Chuck Mitchell sign the agreement with VHB to install the conservation signs and corner posts at Buffalo Park. Motion passed.

The Conservation easement signs have arrived. Bob Hardy moved, seconded by Paul Rushlow to charge .75 each and include 2 nails for each sign. Motion passed.

**REI/Plessner easement:** After review of the proposed easement, Bob Hardy moved, seconded by Paul Rushlow to approve the easement document as presented without appendix A. The reason for not including the appendix is because of a question regarding an easement from Clark Road to the Sullivan property. After talking with Mr. Clark by phone, Bob amended the motion to accept the appendix A along with the easement. Motion seconded by Ben Wadleigh and passed.

**REI/Plessner DES application:** Bob Hardy moved, seconded by Paul Rushlow to send a letter to DES stating the Conservation Commission has reviewed the project and has no comment. Motion passed.

**Correspondence:**
- DES – Carnoustie
- DES – Brooks Holdings
- DES – Canzano
- DES – Holiday Inn Express – Bob Hardy suggested taking pictures of the island during the current rain event and sending them to DES.
- DES – Lochmere Village Project
- DES – Railroad culvert
Land purchase: Chuck Mitchell reported that since the town had not responded quickly to the proposal, the owners have now signed a P&S with a private buyer. Members felt that there may still be a possibility to work with a new owner to either purchase a portion of the property or acquire an easement.

NRI: A workshop with Peter Walker to work on the NRI is scheduled for June 12.

Meeting adjourned at 10:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Eliza Conde, Secretary