Members present: Kathi Mitchell, Paul Rushlow, Chuck Mitchell, Jon Scanlon and Helen Hanks. Also present: Eliza Conde, Secretary.

Chuck Mitchell moved, seconded by Kathi Mitchell to accept the minutes of May 21, 2007. Motion passed. As there was not a quorum at the June 20, 2007 meeting, there were no official minutes to approve.

**Acreage change:** Chuck Mitchell reported that the Planning Board did not appear to be in favor of changing the acreage requirement for a lot in the Agricultural/Residential zone from three to five acres. They were concerned about the impact on the tax base among other things. Paul Rushlow commented that the decision should be made by the voters, not the Planning Board, so that a petition may be necessary. Jon Scanlon pointed out that building more homes has a greater impact on the taxes with the services required while open space has always been considered a “non-user” of municipal services. The Master Plan specifically suggests that the acreage be increased to five acre minimum. Helen Hanks suggested that members need to do some research to back up the Conservation Commission’s reasoning for the increase in acreage requirements to present to the Planning Board and the voters. A request will be sent to other towns for comments about the impact of changing lot size requirements from 3 to 5 acres. Research will include determining how many lots would be impacted and what the possible tax consequences would be. This item will be included on next month’s agenda.

**Planning Board:** Chuck Mitchell has resigned from the Planning Board. It was suggested that a letter be sent to the Selectmen recommending they appoint Jim Cropsey to the Planning Board if Jim agrees.

**Master Plan:** Members discussed the status of the revised Master Plan, in particular the Conservation chapter. It was felt that the Conservation Commission should write this chapter rather than the Master Plan Committee. The newest version is much less thorough than the old with no reference to recommendations for future planning. Members agreed to compare the old to the new and be prepared to recommend changes, additions, etc. at the next meeting. Chuck Mitchell moved, seconded by Kathi Mitchell to ask the Planning Board for the latest copy of the Master Plan and to let them know that the Conservation Commission desires to make additional changes to the Conservation chapter as it appears to be deficient. Motion passed.

**Planning Board Application procedure:** As the Planning Board meets 2 times a month and the Conservation Commission meets only once, it is often difficult to review each plan. Chuck Mitchell noted that the agenda is available ahead of time, so that the Commission would probably have time to review applications. It was agreed that any plan that involves wetlands should be reviewed by the Conservation Commission, however, who determines whether or not there are wetlands involved. As the
Conservation Commission’s mission is to protect the town’s natural resources, it should be reviewing all plans. While the Planning Board suggested that CC members conduct a site walk on every property, the Conservation Commission often does not receive copies of the applications. A procedure needs to be developed between the two boards to allow for review by the Conservation Commission. Helen Hanks will contact the Planning Board with these concerns and ask to be included as part of their procedures.

**Correspondence:**

- DES – Sprague
- UNH – Granite State Woodlot course
- Municipal Volunteers Awards

**Other:**

- Buffalo Park parking lot needs to be started. Chuck Mitchell will contact Mr. Marcoux about removing the trees. Not sure if or where monies are available for construction of the lot.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Eliza Conde, Secretary