Members present: Chuck Mitchell, Jon Scanlon, Paul Rushlow, Ben Wadleigh, Helen Hanks, and Bob Hardy. Also present: Eliza Conde, Secretary.

Chuck Mitchell moved, seconded by Bob Hardy, to accept the minutes of September 19, 2007 as read. Motion passed.

3 to 5 acre zoning change: Having attended the Planning Board meeting to discuss this issue, Helen Hanks informed members that more information is needed to support this zoning change. The Planning Board wants convincing rationale for the change and assurance that property owners are not impacted financially. Members will research area towns and contact NHACC, SPNHF and Phil Auger for information supporting the increased minimum acreage. As there is confusion as to the date the Planning Board will include this topic on the agenda, information will be shared by email, or, if the Planning Board meeting is in November, the Conservation Commission will meet at Chuck Mitchell’s Nov. 6, 2007 at 7:00 pm to discuss information gathered.

GIS workshop: Helen Hanks moved, seconded by Bob Hardy to send Chuck and Kathi Mitchell to this workshop with funds from the Commission. Motion passed.

Buffalo Park: Chuck Mitchell met with Dave and Lynn Fox whose property abuts the Park where the parking area will be located. The Fox’s concerns are that fallen, dead trees in the park are a fire hazard, the old barbed wire fencing on the boundary is a hazard and they would like some shrubbery around the parking lot. Steve Marcoux cut some of the trees but has not finished. Ken Partridge gave an estimate of $10,600 for the parking lot.

2008 Budget: The parking lot and the boundary markers were included in the budget submitted to the Budget Committee. These items are to be transferred to the Park Commission. The amount included for stipends included alternates. Jon Scanlon will make sure that all committees receive the same stipend for 2008. The CC is scheduled to meet with the Budget Committee Dec. 5, 2007 at 7:15 pm.

Newsletter: Suggestions for articles:
- Discussion of Master Plan survey results
- Why have a Conservation Commission
- Buffalo Park
- Natural Resources Inventory
- Geography/natural resources questions
- Snow storage

Helen Hanks will check with the High School to see if they would be interested in designing the newsletter. Continued to next meeting when members will have more ideas.
**Brooks Holdings:** Letters were sent to Brooks Holdings relative to the proposed Conservation Easement on Ice House Pond with no response. A sample easement document will be emailed to them.

**Correspondence:**
- DES – Brooks Holdings: DES demands either repair or completely remove dam for Ice House Pond. Chuck Mitchell moved, seconded by Ben Wadleigh, to send a letter to DES, noting that the town has a Conservation easemement on the east side of the pond, that it has been intended as a natural resource for the town. The pond has aesthetic value and potential recreational value to the town. The pond also has the potential to serve as fire protection for the immediately surrounding properties. In a separate letter to DES, will ask for clarification of the seemingly contradicting letters. Motion passed.
- DES – South Bay: Approval for Alteration of Terrain

**Other:** Helen Hanks asked members to be on the lookout for properties of value to pursue either an easement or outright purchase for protection. Will send a letter to the current owners of the island on Rte 140, the Anchorage and to Tilton School about the pond property on School St.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Eliza Conde, Secretary