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

Minutes: Bob Hardy moved, seconded by Paul Rushlow, to accept the minutes of March 10, 2008 with the addition of “at Lochmere Meadows” to the third paragraph. Motion passed.

Anchorage: Chuck Mitchell reported that he has contacted Lakes Region Conservation Trust who replied that they will discuss it at their next meeting.

Todd Corey: Mr. Corey owns a lot at 247 Calef Hill Road which was part of a subdivision approved by the Planning Board. The plans call for a shared driveway with the abutting lot. Although the approved driveway crosses a wetland, it is located for safe site distance on Calef Hill Road. Mr. Corey would like to locate his driveway so that it enters the Class VI road before entering Calef Hill Road on the sharp corner as this would avoid the wetlands. He would like the Conservation Commission to help convince the Planning Board and NHDOT to relocate the driveway.

Chuck Mitchell explained to Mr. Corey that the Conservation Commission had input when the original subdivision was before the Planning Board. The Conservation Commission has no enforcement powers and no say in what has been approved by the Planning Board, DES and DOT. The approved plan included the requirement for a wetland permit for the driveway. Helen Hanks suggested that Mr. Corey talk with DES and DOT, but noted that the intersection of the Class VI road on the sharp corner of Calef Hill Road is the issue.

Mr. Corey felt that the Class VI location would be better than disturbing the wetlands even though it isn’t a great location for a driveway and was hoping the Conservation Commission would agree. Chuck Mitchell replied that the Conservation Commission is not in a position to do anything about the approved plan at this time.

Elections: Jon Scanlon moved, seconded by Bob Hardy, to nominate Helen Hanks as Chairman. Motion passed.

Bob Hardy moved, seconded by Helen Hanks to nominate Chuck Mitchell as Vice Chair. Motion passed.

Chuck Mitchell moved, seconded by Sukie Clark, to nominate Bob Hardy as Second Vice Chair. Motion passed.
Lochmere Country Club: Helen Hanks reported that trees were being cut within a wetland area at the golf club. Although it is not illegal to cut trees in wetlands, as long as heavy equipment is not used, the town’s zoning ordinance requires a 20 foot undisturbed buffer around wetlands. Activity has been halted at this point.

Helen stated she is still concerned about work done in wetlands across the road from the golf course and plans to file a wetlands complaint.

Conservation Easements: Evelyn Fuller has expressed an interest in placing her land in a conservation easement. Jon Scanlon moved, seconded by Chuck Mitchell to pursue this opportunity. Motion passed. Helen Hanks will contact Atty. Mark Puffer to determine what would be required to proceed with an easement. Ms. Fuller does not want the land to be open to the public, but perhaps there could be a designated path to Buffalo Park available to the public. Bob Hardy commented that there have been problems with students using the existing path and going around the wetland area.

Dave Krause and Peter Walker will be contacted relative to the cost of surveying the property. Bob Hardy and Ben Wadleigh will visit Ms. Fuller to determine exactly what she is looking for.

Correspondence:
- DES- Lochmere Meadows
- DES – George Ryan
- DES – Moultonborough Hotel
- PB approval for Lochmere Meadows

Other:
- Helen Hanks reported that the Planning Board would like Conservation Commission members to attend their meetings as the PB does not know when to get the CC involved in a plan. It was the feeling of members that it is too much to ask them to attend more meetings. If all plans are submitted to the Conservation Commission for review initially, then comments can be forwarded to the Planning Board.
- Letters will be sent to the 99 Restaurant and Rodgers Development regarding the need for boundary markers on their conservation easement properties.
- Kathy Mitchell suggested having a separate Conservation Commission website. The Mitchells would be willing to pay the monthly fee for the site. Helen Hanks moved, seconded by Sukie Clark to have the Mitchells sponsor a Conservation Commission website for Tilton. Motion passed. Helen Hanks will seek approval from the Selectmen.
- 4H Camp – there have not been any applications to date. Bob will contact a teacher and another article will be submitted to the paper.
- Old Home Day – The Northfield CC asked if there was any interest in having a joint booth for Old Home Day. Jon Scanlon suggested asking Home Depot to have a bird house building activity.
• Helen Hanks will look at a lot on River Road to determine if it belongs to the town or if there is an easement on it.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Eliza Conde, Secretary