Members present: Ben Wadleigh, Chuck Mitchell, Paul Rushlow, Kathi Mitchell, Jim Cropsey and Helen Hanks. Also present: Eliza Conde, Secretary, Mr. & Mrs. Damon, Scott Porter, Tim Pearson and Paul Darbyshire.

Minutes: Kathi Mitchell moved, seconded by Ben Wadleigh to accept the minutes of August 17, 2009 as read. Motion passed.

WRSD Agriculture: Scott Porter reported that the Ag. Dept is definitely interested in forming a partnership with the Conservation Commission to develop a Natural Resources study and perhaps work on town owned properties. Members talked about developing a plan for plantings on the Martin land. After further discussion Kathi Mitchell moved, seconded by Paul Rushlow to form a sub-committee of Bob, Paul and Jon to work with Scott Porter to develop plans for improvement to the Martin Land. Motion passed.

Paul Rushlow suggested that students could be involved in trail maintenance and environmental stewardship of Buffalo Park. Helen Hanks suggested the students work on milfoil issues and perhaps place bird houses in town owned wetlands.

Tom Damon: Mr. Damon explained that he is interested in producing quality hay on his property on Calef Hill Road but is losing part of the field due to a drainage issue from the road. He asked for advice from the Commission about diverting the water to the bottom of the field. Members discussed the possible cause of the increased wet area, the probable salt in the soil because of road runoff and the closed spring fed well across the road. Chuck Mitchell cautioned Mr. Damon about diverting water back onto the road and into the Town of Sanbornton. Paul Rushlow advised Mr. Damon to seek help from Mike Lynch at NRCS in Concord.

Paul Darbyshire: Mr. Darbyshire gave a review of his research for the survey of Tax Map U4 Lot 72 and U5 Lot 1A. His research has determined that the property was deeded to the State of NH in 1939 and then sold again to another party (by the same Grantor) in 1942. The deed descriptions for the 1939 and 1942 deeds are identical. The chain of title for the town’s recent portion is derived from the 1942 deed. The town did purchase title insurance which may become useful!

After further discussion of this discoveries the following suggestions were made:

- Request a deed from the state,
• Review Tony Turchin’s permit for fill and or dam which should be recorded at the Registry of Deeds
• Seek advice from an attorney after conferring with the Selectmen
• Contact DOT to determine what they have on their files.

Paul Darbyshire will set pins on the eastern boundary line and prepare a final report for the Commission.

**Tim Pearson:** Tim presented a report showing all monies due, paid and owed to the Conservation Commission for Land Use Change Taxes. Final audits show that the town owes the Commission $111,435 and Mr. Pearson proposed making quarterly payments over the next year.

After discussion, Chuck Mitchell moved, seconded by Kathi Mitchell to request quarterly payments over the next 12 months starting in December 2009 for the balance owed to the Commission without interest. Any additional dollars collected for the Current Use Fund are to be deposited as collected by the end of each month. Motion passed. Mr. Pearson agreed to give regular reports of activities on this account.

**Newsletter:** Paul Rushlow moved, seconded by Chuck Mitchell to appoint Kathi Mitchell as Chairman of the newsletter committee. Motion passed.

**Correspondence:**
- Budget request to be prepared by the Chairman and Secretary
- Asian Beetle meeting notice
- DES – Fine – permit approved. A letter will be sent to DES asking how the plan differed from the one that had been denied.
- DES – O’Shaughnessy – shoreland permit application – A letter will be sent to DES indicating the Commission has not seen the application and cannot comment.
- DES – Veteran’s Home – Permit by Notification denied.
- Dredge and Fill application – Town of Tilton.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Eliza Conde, Secretary