TILTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
August 15, 2011
MINUTES

Members present: Kathi Mitchell, Jon Scanlon, Ben Wadleigh, Chuck Mitchell, Paul Rushlow, Sukie Clark and Bob Hardy.

Minutes: Kathi Mitchell moved, seconded by Ben Wadleigh to accept the minutes of July 18, 2011 as read. Motion passed.

WRSD: Matt Moore, representing WRSD presented three issues for consideration by Commission members:

1. Mr. Moore reviewed the need for some changes to the drainage system at the Middle School. He has contacted DES and learned that WRSD’s Alteration of Terrain permit is good for ten years but a wetlands permit will be needed when changes to the system are made. The existing 36” pipe was installed with a low spot that has now filled with silt. Mr. Moore suggested shortening the culvert and installing “plunge pools” which would filter the water before entering the wetlands. An additional 12” pipe will need to be replaced with a 15” pipe.

2. The school would like to create an access to the rear ball fields that are located within the Conservation Easement land. The paved access would reduce damage to the vegetation and allow emergency vehicle access. Chuck Mitchell commented that he would not be opposed to the access but would prefer a permeable surface rather than asphalt.

3. The school would like to install irrigation for the ball fields, again within the Conservation Easement property.

Selectmen - Tilton School land swap: Pat Consentino and Sandy Plessner presented maps and supporting documents for the proposed land swap with Tilton School. (Tax Map U7 41 and 41A) Bob Hardy stated that he has had calls from neighboring properties with concerns about parking at the pond site and whether the gate will be open or not. He also has been asked about the condition of the dam and whether the town is taking on responsibility for its repair. The Selectmen will contact DES to determine if there have been any problems reported. Kathi Mitchell moved, seconded by Paul Rushlow to support the trade of town owned land for land owned by Tilton School known as the Tilton School Pond. Motion passed.

WRSD discussion:

1. After discussion about silt control, Ben Wadleigh moved, seconded by Sukie Clark to approve the replacement of the 12” pipe with a 15” pipe and creation of a “plunge pool”. Motion passed.

Jon Scanlon moved, seconded by Bob Hardy to approve the excavation of the road area and setting of the 36” pipe to drain into a “plunge pool”. Kathi Mitchell added that it must comply with DES regulations. Motion passed.
2. Bob Hardy moved, seconded by Ben Wadleigh that prior to approving an access road the Commission will need more information such as location, material to be used, etc. presented. Motion passed.
3. Bob Hardy moved, seconded by Sukie Clark that prior to making a decision on irrigation for the ball fields, more information such as drainage, location, water source, etc. is needed. Motion passed.

**Update on Tax Map U4 Lot 71 demolition:** The building was somewhat secured and the property cleaned up. Members questioned the location of the property line and the need for marking it.

**Update on Martin property:** Chuck and Kathi Mitchell met with Atty. Puffer and gave him a multitude of documents to review. Atty Puffer has not rendered an opinion to date.

**Correspondence:**
- DES – Levasseur appeal denied
- Dredge and Fill application – John Bernard: to disturb 545’ of wetlands for a shared driveway at 570 Laconia Road. Members reviewed the maps and plans and have the following concerns:
  1. The plan does not address the proposed parking areas and total amount of impermeable area.
  2. Will the abutter’s septic system be impacted by this project.
  3. What is the size of the culverts entering the wetlands from Grange and Lancaster Hill Roads?
  4. What is the size of the culvert on Rte 3/11 and would a drainage swale be required.
  5. There are questions about the stated acreage of the drainage area that impacts this property.
  6. The proposed lots may not meet zoning requirements for lot size as the wetlands cannot be included in determining lot size.
  7. The proposed use of lime and fertilizer to be used for seeding may lead to the potential leaching of phosphates into the lake.
  8. The Commission would like to request a 30 day intervention in order to arrange a site walk with the wetland scientist to look at the wetland source and the area of disturbance.

Bob Hardy moved, seconded by Kathi Mitchell to send a letter to DES with the above concerns with a copy to Peter Schauer and John Bernard. Motion passed.

- DES – MB Tractor – more information needed.

**Other:** Bob Hardy reported that beavers are destroying vegetation along the river at Riverfront Park.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.
Respectfully submitted,
Eliza Conde, Secretary

*Minutes accepted 09-19-2011*