Members present: Kathi Mitchell, Helen Hanks, Ben Wadleigh, Chuck Mitchell, Paul Rushlow, Bob Hardy and Jim Cropsey.

Minutes: Kathi Mitchell moved, seconded by Paul Rushlow to accept the minutes of 8-15-2011 as read. Motion passed.

WRSD:
Drainage - Matt Moore and Jeff Lamb presented revised plans for drainage off the ball field and across the access road at the Middle School. The plan calls for raising and shortening the culvert, having it drain into a plunge pool which consists of 2 feet of stone and a fabric liner. The impact to wetlands is only for the erosion control plan during construction. The current 12” drainage pipe from the school building will be replaced with 15” pipe and drain into the plunge pool.

Chuck Mitchell asked if a maintenance plan is included and Mr. Moore replied that the plunge pool should be checked every spring and fall. Bob Hardy asked if a major storm event would cause water to go directly into the wetlands. The plunge pool is not intended to be a retention pond and water could go right over it, however there are catch basins on Winter Street and the ball field which help alleviate the water flow. Since the drainage is on a gentle slope, silting is not really an issue. Chuck Mitchell suggested that the siltation should be monitored for a year and asked that the silt fence remain in place for the first year.

Bob Hardy moved, seconded by Helen Hanks to support the project with the stipulations that the silt fence remain in place for a year and that semi-annual inspections of the plunge pool be required. Motion passed. Chuck and Bob signed the Minimum Impact Wetlands application.

Access to ball field – Mr. Moore proposes an 8’ wide path with 1’ shoulders accessing the ball fields at the upper levels. The intention is for accessibility for rescue vehicles. The path would allow access by wheelchair, however it is very steep and not safe for handicapped accessibility. Because the property is in a Conservation easement, WRSD must seek input from the Conservation Commission and the Wetlands Bureau. Input will also be sought from the Fire Department which may require pavement. Paving the road/path will require additional mitigation for drainage with treatment swales, etc. Pervious surfaces would be preferred for drainage purposes. Mr. Moore will review ADA accessibility and determine the actual slope percentage. A sign would be needed saying that the access is only for foot traffic or emergency vehicles if the slopes are too steep.

Jim Cropsey commented that the slopes may be too steep for a permeable surface and emergency vehicles may require pavement on that much of a slope. Helen Hanks added that the District needs to define the function of the road, include signage and look at potential water runoff caused by the road.
**Irrigation** – Mr. Lamb presented plans for increasing the existing irrigation for the soccer field. After reviewing the plans, it was decided that the Conservation Commission does not need to comment on this plan.

Mr. Lamb then presented plans for new irrigation on the middle baseball field. There was no comment on these plans.

**Selectmen:**
Ernie’s: Sandy Plessner, Pat Consentino and Kathy Dawson have met with Credere Associates relative to proposed plans for the property known as “Ernie’s” once the buildings are removed. The Selectmen had suggested a smaller parking lot with an entrance and egress and moving it away from the abutter’s property line. They also suggested allowing access to the river for car top boats. Bob Hardy commented that the tree line along the neighbor’s property is good, but that boulders should be used to delineate the parking lot rather than white fencing. He was also like to see a flag pole on the property. The plan as presented showed 21 parking spaces, but the agreement with the WRTA allowed for only 8 spaces. The path doesn’t need to be 10 feet wide. Jim Cropsey suggested having the entrance and egress for the parking lot be opposite driveways on the north side of the road.

Tilton School land swap: Pat Consentino stated that there have been concerns about location of a path to Buffalo Park being near an abutter. There are also concerns about interrupting the wildlife corridor if Tilton School is allowed to build on the land currently owned by the town. The Selectmen are now in discussion with Tilton School about the purchase of the pond lot rather than a land swap.

**Martin land:** There was nothing new to report as Chuck is still waiting to hear from Atty. Puffer.

**Other:**
- Credere report as submitted to DES: Helen Hanks reviewed the conclusions and recommendations of the report. There is an identified area near the building which contains arsenic and lead. Helen expressed concern that that the borings were only near the building and there may be arsenic on the rest of the property. These issues will need to be addressed by WRTA as part of the clean up of the property.
- Budget – Chuck Mitchell presented the 2012 budget which is the same as last year. It was agreed to combine the legal and wetland scientist fees in one line item. Helen Hanks moved, seconded by Ben Wadleigh to approve the budget as proposed by Chuck with that line item change. Motion passed.

**Correspondence:**
- Copy of letter from Atty Puffer to Ron Woods relative to his title search on the Martin property.
- DES – 570 Laconia Road – acknowledging receipt of Conservation Commission letter.
- DES – Levasseur – application withdrawn.
• Jay’s Marina – response to letter from Conservation Commission

Bob Hardy informed the Commission that the Parks Commission will be handling the Christmas parade which is scheduled for December 3.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.
Respectfully submitted,
Eliza Conde, Secretary

Minutes approved 10-17-2011