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

Minutes: Jon Scanlon moved, seconded by Kathi Mitchell to accept the minutes of October 17, 2011 as read. Motion passed.

570 Laconia Road LLC, John Bernard: In August, Mr. Bernard applied to DES for a driveway entrance on Rte 3/11 involving wetlands which was approved. The Conservation Commission had sent a letter with questions and concerns which apparently were answered by Mr. Bernard and DES approved the permit without sending such information to the Conservation Commission. The current application is for a Conditional Use Permit to allow a driveway and parking area off Grange Road adjacent to the town owned property known as the Grange Hall. Sandy Plessner informed members that the Planning Board continued the application because of the Conservation Commission’s concerns as expressed in a letter to the Planning Board dated October 18, 2011. Although Mr. Bernard was not present at this meeting to answer those concerns, discussion continued relative to the wetlands and parking. Helen Hanks had previously walked the lot and stated that the whole section of the lot along Grange Road is wet. She disagreed with the wetlands delineation as shown on the plan which indicates a dry area where the parking is planned. Jane Alden and Rich Benson added that the driveway is right next to the wetlands and the snow storage area is actually within the wetlands as shown on the plan.

Chuck Mitchell agreed that this lot is wet and not appropriate for a parking lot. He asked if the Planning Board would like the Conservation Commission to obtain a Wetlands Scientist to delineate the wetlands on this lot. After further discussion, Ben Wadleigh moved, seconded by Paul Rushlow to hire a Wetland Scientist to create a new wetlands delineation on the property in question. Helen added “so long as the wetland ordinance allows a delineation this time of year” to the motion. Motion passed. Chuck Mitchell noted that the Conservation Commission will need permission from Mr. Bernard to allow this. Mr. Bernard will be invited to the December 19, 2011 meeting.

Tilton School: Chuck Mitchell and the Selectmen met with Jim Clements at Tilton School relative to the land swap of properties on School Street. At the public hearings held for this transaction concerns for interruption of the wildlife corridor were expressed. Three alternatives were discussed:
1. Do nothing
2. The Town could buy the pond property outright.
3. Create a lot line adjustment that would keep the wildlife corridor intact and allow a land swap. This would take into consideration the location of the wildlife corridor while giving Tilton School the land they would like in return for the pond property.

Discussion of this will continue with Tilton School.

**Martin land update:** This is in the hands of Atty. Mark Puffer and is progressing.

**NHDOT – Project #16187 – Route 140:** In response to a letter from NHDOT dated November 17, 2011 Helen Hanks moved, seconded by Jon Scanlon to send a response with the following concerns:

1. The project is within a prime aquifer and within the town’s groundwater protection zone, therefore all precautions to protect the water quality should be made.
2. The area abutting the bridge is heavily used for recreation such as fishing, kayaking, tubing, etc.
3. The embankment on both sides of the bridge should be corrected and stabilized to avoid further erosion.
4. DOT should speak with DES to advise them on methods to be used to protect the water quality.
5. Any invasive species should be removed.

**Correspondence:**
- NH Association of Natural Resource Scientists membership. Sukie Clark moved, seconded by Helen Hanks to pay the dues. Motion passed.
- NH Association of Conservation Commissions dues: Helen Hanks moved seconded by Kathi Mitchell to pay the annual dues. Motion passed.

**Other:**
- Tim Pearson informed the Commission that the town is transferring bank accounts to Franklin Savings Bank. Members approve this move.
- Tim Pearson explained that a Land Use Change tax was appealed by a landowner and granted therefore $20-25,000 will be removed from the Conservation Fund.
- Jasen Stock called previously to inquire whether the Conservation Commission is still interested in the Conservation Easement he had discussed earlier. The Commission is definitely interested and asked Mr. Stock to attend the next meeting.
• Chuck Mitchell will ask Tim Bernier if he has time to conduct a wetlands survey of the Bernard property.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Eliza Conde, Secretary

Minutes approved 12-19-2011