TILTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

 **October 17, 2011**

# MINUTES

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

**Minutes:** Kathi Mitchell moved, seconded by Ben Wadleigh to approve the minutes of September 19, 2011 with a correction. Motion passed.

**Martin property:** After hearing Chuck Mitchell’s report of his conversation with Atty. Puffer, Helen Hanks moved, seconded by Kathi Mitchell to suggest to the Selectmen that they pursue protecting the town’s investment in this property as recommended by Atty. Puffer. Motion passed.

**Levasseur:** Chuck Mitchell received a request from Mr. Levasseur for the Conservation Commission to conduct a site walk on his property for his wetlands application to DES. Since it appeared that Mr. Levasseur had withdrawn his application, Chuck contacted DES to determine its status. He then responded to Mr. Levasseur that the Commission would not conduct a site walk unless the application is re-submitted.

**Selectmen – Snow Storage:** The Selectmen asked for advice relative to the location of a snow storage area. Bob Hardy explained that the Route 132 ball field is going to be plowed and used as a skating rink and Buffalo Park is not available for snow storage. After discussion, Helen Hanks moved, seconded by Jon Scanlon to give the Selectmen a DES Environmental Fact Sheet and Best Management Practices relative to snow storage, to suggest that the Selectmen consult with DES on any property they select and that the CC agrees that Gerry Chaille’s property would not be appropriate. Motion passed.

**Correspondence:**

* DES – Hall: Shoreland Impact permit
* DES – Etori: Shoreland Impact permit
* DES – WRSD: under review
* DES – Bernard: culvert approved
* Fall clean up
* NHCC annual meeting
* Audubon Society – NH birds.

**Other:**

* John Bernard, 570 Laconia Road, LLC – application for Conditional Use Permit within the wetlands buffer zone: Members reviewed the plan for a parking lot on Grange Road (R9 Lot 53) and determined that there is not enough information included to make a decision. Helen Hanks moved, seconded by Ben Wadleigh to send a letter to the Planning Board with a copy to the Selectmen requesting that the Planning Board hold off on a decision until Mr. Bernard meets with the Conservation Commission. Motion passed. The letter will specifically indicate that:
1. The wetlands are not sufficiently delineated to determine the buffer zone.
2. The proposed parking lot is located within the 20 foot setbacks
3. Fencing would be required to avoid snow being pushed into wetlands and/or onto the abutting property.
4. There is no information on proposed material to be used for the parking lot.
5. There is no information on proposed material to be used for the retaining wall.
6. No final grades are shown on the plan.
7. The applicant checked “n/a” on #7 of the application checklist, however the parking lot and retaining wall are considered to be “structures”.
8. There is no drainage plan shown on the plan.
* Bob Hardy – The Selectmen have requested a letter from the Conservation Commission giving the Park Commission authority to maintain Buffalo Park. Helen Hanks moved, seconded by Kathi Mitchell to grant authority to the Park Commission to oversee the maintenance of Buffalo Park and send such to the Selectmen. Motion passed.
* Christmas Parade – December 3.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Eliza Conde, Secretary