MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:00 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INTRODUCE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

PRESENT: Dick Marshall, Paul Scarpetti, Matt Reed, Nicholas Williams (staff), Denise Grafton (Excused), Members of the Hooksett Conservation Commission

1) Conservation and Natural Resources Chapter – Conservation Commission Workshop

The committee discussed the following action items which are currently listed in the 2004 Master Plan Document:

1) Preserve or expand undeveloped open space in the northeast quadrant of Town

2) Preserve or expand undeveloped open space in the northwest quadrant of Town

3) Preserve or expand the Pinnacle

4) Preserve and expand the Town owned lands in the vicinity of Quimby Mountain. Enhance the accessibility and recreation potential of these lands for public use

5) Expand public recreational access to the Merrimack River

6) Work toward establishing a system of trails and associated infrastructure. Examples include the Heritage Trail and the Merrimack River Rail Trail.

7) Preserve and Provide Access to Prime Wetlands (Perhaps I should save this comment for Monday night, but why has it been proposed that we provide access to prime wetlands? Very often, a critical component of preservation is actually limiting access.)

8) Provide access to the lower section of Browns Brook

9) Come into compliance with the federal government’s MS4 requirements under NPDES. (I will need to be filled in on exactly what this is)
10) Continue updating lands held in current use in GIS annually

11) Establish an inventory of wildlife habitats existing in Hooksett

12) Develop a comprehensive open space plan

13) Develop a comprehensive strategy for funding conservation land acquisition and preservation

14) Develop a comprehensive trails plan

15) Create a local water resource preservation and management plan