

Wilton Conservation Commission

PO Box 83 Wilton Town Hall, Wilton, NH 03086

MINUTES OF MEETING

MONDAY – 10 FEBRUARY 2014 – 7:00 PM

The Wilton Conservation Commission held its regular monthly meeting on Monday, 10 February 2014, at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall.

Spencer acting Chairperson, brought the meeting to order at 7pm. Bart and Lynne are absent, Jeff stepped up to Active Member for the meeting.

Visitors present, Stanley Young, inquiring on Commission's View on the Frye Land Easement & Albert Williams, from the Wilton, Lyndeboro Winter Wanderers regarding the land High Mowing is planning on purchasing.

Alan: Explained the Frye/High Mowing project to Stanley from prior paperwork. Explaining that they have the right to refuse hunting as well as other things.

Spencer: addresses the Snowmobile trail, and that it was going to remain the same as far as he knew. He also addressed that it would be in the best interest of the Club to get involved with the project as far as trying to get it passed.

Spencer: I was thinking that public assess in the school area should be the schools responsibility. Spencer also added that we would not have to be financially responsible for anything as the actual easement has not been given to either the Selectmen or the WCC.

Alan: Addresses the fact that anyone can access tax information, and he has the tax documents on two pieces of property/homes that were just purchased by High Mowing School, H-34 & H-37 the prices of the purchases \$295,000 & \$189,500. Alan questions the fact that we were

not aware of this purchase or the plan to purchase. Also, where did they get their money for these two pieces of property from?

Stanley: Is High Mowing not an Asset to the Town? They do bring in an average of \$18 grand per child, including spending in the town? Plus the Taxes that they contribute.

Albert Williams: NH Bureau of Trails and aid, 90% goes up to North NH, the Wilton Wanderers are left with little to nothing to maintain the trails in this area. Most of the trails are maintained by members who do it free.

Alan: The School itself has exempt to so much, but I do not have the actual figures.

Spencer mentions that we should get clarification on taxes, an Easement Draft, and a plan for trails. What does the Town of Wilton get out of this?? Parking for town members. Designated area where public can avail themselves of the views. Also to address the recent purchase of the two properties H-34 & H-37. Also the Trails should be dedeed.

Laurence reiterates that we should have had this knowledge before we went to the selectmen.

LCHIP – we the WCC were not part of the application process.

Spencer makes a motion that he, Lynne & Alan will draft a letter, copy Town Lawyer, Ian McSweeney and any other parties involved addressing these issues.

Spencer made the motion, Joe second the motion, motion passes unanimously.

Stanley Young: Just a thought you have to be very proactive in the articles, negative goes downhill. So you need to be upbeat, active and knowledgeable, how can I get the Heritage Commission to get behind this if the WCC and others are not supportive.

End of Visitor's comments.

Meeting continues:

- Minutes – Minutes of the January 27th, 2014 Meeting were read, and changes to me bade noted. Les makes motion, and Bill Seconds to ACCEPT MINUTES WITH CHANGES. Motion passes unanimously.
- Budget & Expenditures – Review and Update Budget, Did Donna get paid? Did Operating Budget get handled before the Warrant's, can we raise our line by 10% of the Town overall budget? Town chopped overall budget by 10%. Donna was asked to provide an invoice for her work to Lynne. Bill mentioned that we leave the Budget alone.
- ZBA – No January Meeting; Upcoming Meeting of 11 February
- Planning Board – Meetings of 15 January and 29 January; Upcoming Meeting of 19 February
- Tree Cuttings / Stone Walls / Scenic Roads, etc. – No Update
- Forest Management / Timber Harvests / Logging – Bill is working on a project of what we can and cannot do. So he will get the actual RSA ~ he believes that regardless of where you live if it's your land you can cut it. He will have a list.
- New Reservoir/Old Reservoir – Update
- Violations & Complaints – No Action
- Open Lands – See Above
- Wildlife Sightings – Northern Shrike by Joe, Turkeys, and Robins by Spencer
- Local Open Space
- Vandalism – Update. West end of the Whiting park sign.
- Signage – No Update
- Tallarico Land – Still in progress.
- Frye Land/High Mowing Project – See Above
- Gage Road Field – No problems with people using it in the winter.
- Stanton Knock – Management Plan
- Sherburne Woods – Management Plan
- Frog Pond – R-O-W, R-O-W Culvert, Maintenance, Milford Side Field Edging; Update
- Frog Pond – Potential Dredging of Pond; Jeff visiting the dam, opened the gate.

- Carnival Hill – Snowmobile trail across Frog pond trail to Carnival hill.
- Community Garden at Carnival Hill – No Update
- Four Corners Farm – No Update
- Wegener Woods – No Update
- Trails – No Update
- Miscellaneous – including but not limited to:
 - Souhegan Watershed Association – Update
 - Souhegan River Local Advisory Committee (SoRLAC) – Update
 - New Mill Acid Wash needing HAZ Waste permits.
 - Regional Open Space Team (ROST) – Update
 - Souhegan Valley Land Trust (SVLT) – May 2nd, Town Hall in Milford Pam Hunt.
 - NiSoHiLa – Update ... Remove due to no projects pending.

Les made a motion to close the meeting at 9:17 pm, Bill Second the Motion, motion passes all in favor meeting ended at 9.17pm.

MINUTES AS INTERPERATED BY
DONNA T TALLARICO