

Wilton Conservation Commission

PO Box 83 Wilton Town Hall, Wilton, NH 03086

MINUTES OF MEETING

MONDAY – 09 JUNE 2014 – 7:00 PM

The Wilton Conservation Commission held its regular monthly meeting on Monday, 09 June 2014, at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall.

Lynne opened the meeting at 7:10 p.m. Members not present Bill Maher & Laurence Coronis

Visitor: Joe Torre, Town of Wilton Budget Committee, 315-4892
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Conservation Plan Discussion – Important document to have a Master Plan, so when you go in front of the selectmen it makes it more thorough. Also when you are asking for funding it is important to have three things, what your goals are, what you have accomplished, and what you financially need to keep to the standards that you set. Being on the budget Committee – we all want to know “WHY” and “WHAT” without a Master Plan or clear definition of the Focus of the WCC we are going to have a difficult time getting the funding that we (WCC) look for.

- A Master Plan for the WCC, strongly recommended by Joe Torre of the Budget Committee, 315-4892 torre@tds.net. Joe stated he was here as a citizen of the Town, but had some advice for the WCC, I am not trying to butt in; however, I think the definition of the conservation is a necessity. Your plan should tell people it would help someone to what our focus is. Even if there was a working draft, or definition's of the difference of terms.

- Bart - when we had planned on having the NRI involved, the budget dropped out of the bottom. I was on the commission at that time.
 - Lynne - More that we could tackle at that time, had put a lot of effort into the NRI plan. We could either hire someone or do it ourselves, it is such a burn out thing that it is probably why it didn't come to fruition at that time.
 - Spencer – The State has a very good plan.
 - Lynne - Mason just finished theirs but it took three years. The State has a specific set of rules as Spencer said. It would have been easier if we had a plan when we went to the budget and seectmen.
 - Joe Torre - look for short term long term goals, and I am coming to you with where we are heading.
 - Lynne - found a copy of a “draft from 1988. (NRPC copy)
 - Spencer - said that there was a plan he thinks that it was shot down.
 - Everyone thanked Joe for his input and that it was definitely something that the WCC will make a priority.
- Lynne – Sorry to say that I will be moving out of Wilton, so I can no longer remain a member of the WCC. This will officially be my last meeting. There are three boxes of WCC related information that you might find interesting, please help yourself. The WCC members thanked Lynne for everything that she has done, and told her she will be missed
- Lynne - pointed out a few things, the Agenda needs to Doreece, at least 24 hours in advance (weekends not included) it needs to be listed in 2 places including the town hall - the website. The Clerk Donna (myself) offered to do the agenda until we had a replacement Chairperson.
 - Lynne – Now it’s time for someone to step up, the WCC makes a recommendation for a Chairperson, then there needs to be a letter sent to the Selectmen with the recommendation. WCC clerk has a copy of how this was done the last time that Joe & Jeff were added. Use that as a guide.

- Minutes – Reviewed the minutes of the May 5th, 2014 meeting, and thanks to the assistance of all members was able to correct the meeting notes at that time, and also received permission to use Jeff's Attachment with the minutes. The minutes were corrected at this time, and Lynne made a motion to accept the minutes with the changes that were just made, Jeff second the motion. Motion passed at 8:10pm.
- Budget & Expenditures – Lynne discussed that Pam Atwood had suggested that Donna (WCC Clerk) become a Town Employee, which would make it easier to keep track of the expense, and easier on the Town to process. Donna would just have to hand in a time sheet on a monthly basis. Spencer moves that Donna becomes a town employee, Jeff seconds all in favor Eye Motion passes. Donna will follow up with Pam Atwood regarding the WCC budget and report to the WCC as needed
- ZBA – Meeting of 13 May; Upcoming Meetings of 10 June and 08 July. ZBA Thomas variance trust. Report of ZBA: Fishing camp. July 8th... 7:30. Donna dates of interest for the WCC.
- Planning Board – Meetings of 21 May and 04 June; Upcoming Meeting of 18 June. Excavation renewal for Lot E-017 is scheduled. See minutes related to planning board. Hilltop Cafe, Quinn Brothers, also on the schedule.
- Les and Donna looked at lot H-080, for John regarding what might be a Wetlands Issue. Will wait till it comes before the WCC to deal with it,
- Tree Cuttings / Stone Walls / Scenic Roads, etc. – No Update
- Forest Management / Timber Harvests / Logging – No Update
- New Reservoir/Old Reservoir – Town waiting on Engineering report.
- Violations & Complaints – Nothing
- Open Lands – Nothing
- Wildlife Sightings – Spencer - Bear. Turkeys Kimball Hill Road & Les Beaver's, Bart someone sent a video from the Heald Track, of a Bear and Bobcat, Whippirwhill. Porcupine on Carnival Hill.
- Local Open Space
- Vandalism – Update

- Signage – New Signs are done Frog Pond Whiting Hill Road Area; Alan; Les and Wegener Woods on Potter Road.
- Tallarico Land – No Update
- Frye Land/High Mowing Project – No Update and Discussion
- Gage Road Field – Gage Rd Field Baseline Document Cover Sheet, snowmobile & hunter inquiry made by Pam Atwood. Spencer just stated that the cover sheet is JUST a baseline, everything else would be covered in the actual Deed.
- Stanton Knock – Monitored in May
- Sherburne Woods – Monitored in May
- Frog Pond – R-O-W, R-O-W Culvert, Maintenance, Milford Side Field Edging – not doing their part at this time. Jeff & Donna updated the WCC on the findings of the sub- committee to revisit Article 18 from the Town meeting TM2014, Frog Pond Land transfer proposal. Sub Committee on Motion: Spencer makes a motion that the Sub-Committee make a presentation to the selectmen, Bart seconds, all in favor. Motion Passes. Sub note: to include Jessie Salisbury & Stanley Young who had offered to assist in writing the presentation.
- Frog Pond – Potential Dredging of Pond; No Update
- Carnival Hill – No Update
- Community Garden at Carnival Hill – Would like to consider putting town water at the site Joe made a motion we table until July Meeting, Bart second. Motion carried.
- Four Corners Farm – No Update
- Wegener Woods – Sign is in place, Les took care of it in May.
- Trails – no Update
- Miscellaneous – including but not limited to:
 - Souhegan Watershed Association – Update
 - Souhegan River Local Advisory Committee (SoRLAC) – Meeting at Milford - Police station 19th July
 - Regional Open Space Team (ROST) – Lynne went to meeting where the Beavers were discussed as a major issue.
 - Souhegan Valley Land Trust (SVLT) – Whitney Carpenter is also

leaving town

Les made a motion to close the meeting at, 9:45 Bart Second All in favor. Motion Carried

Minutes as interpreted by DTT
Approved: