

# **Wilton Conservation Commission**

PO Box 83 Wilton Town Hall, Wilton, NH 03086

## **MINUTES OF MEETING**

### **MONDAY AUGUST 12th 2013 – 7:00 PM**

The Wilton Conservation Commission will hold its regular monthly meeting on Monday, August 11th 2013, at the Town Hall Courtroom. Lynne called the meeting to Order at 7:15 pm.

Laurence S. Coronis was not present.

- Minutes: Not available at this time
- Budget & Expenditures: Spencer introduced the completion of the Wegener Woods & Frog Pond official signage. Signage cost was \$89 for both work done by Patterson. Discussion on how to affix the signage, and by whom? Leslie P. Tallarico volunteered his son, Mark to take care of the placement of one sign. Spencer will take care of the other, with the help of materials from Alan.
- Motion by Spencer to allowing funds up to \$50 for materials to complete the signs correct placement, Bill second the motion; Motion approved.
- Lynne Draper: Lynne addressed the letter that had been sent to the Town of Wilton, Selectman with reference too adding Jeff Stone to the Commission and naming Leslie P. Tallarico, Emeritus. As of this date Lynne had not heard back one way or another. Bart brought up that he was missing minutes from April, May and June. Lynne stated she would follow up and forward them to him. The undertaking of WCCs town reporting paperwork was brought up, and a small discussion on how to get the WCC up to expected standards began. WCC will revisit again at the next meeting.
- ZBA: No July or August meeting.
- Planning Board: Planning Board had posted minutes from the July 19th Agenda. Though quite lengthy Lynne was able to give a synopsis of the replacement of the onsite power generation by PSNH and

Granite State. Due to the 3,000 gallon tank onsite and not having a spill containment unit in place, these are serious DES implications and they would like to see that information on the site plan.

- Spencer did bring up the Planning Board Master Plan being of importance, it was mentioned that someone should attend the next meeting August 21st, at 7 PM.
- Horseshoe: Lynne questions the easement and as long as it is barricaded off, that is pretty much all we can do. Bart mentioned that he had seen many different State License Plates at the location. It was decided that there was not much the WCC could do, even if the Police made more of a presence and handed out more tickets.
- Tree Cuttings / Stone Walls / Scenic Roads, etc.: Bill handed out an Attachment of Timber Intents, to all members. The Map and Lot F-083 owned by Robert Caswell (previously owned by B. Arthur Atwood) Loggers Name; Mario Pelletier date of intent signed 7/15/13. Discussion to where the property was located, upper corner of Wilton not encroaching on Conservation property. Hence, not an issue. The Girl Scout Land was mentioned, the lot has sold and is intended on being subdivided into 3 house lots.
- New Reservoir/Old Reservoir: No Update
- Label Art Dam: No Update (Still waiting on the State)
- Violations & Complaints: No Updates.
- Open Lands: Leslie P. Tallarico informed the WCC of his intent to place his property into Conservation Easement approximately 100 acres. The land was being presently being surveyed and the hope was to have finalized this year. Leslie also mentioned that he was approaching his brother Robert about doing the same with his adjacent property. If so that would be an additional 30 acres. This news was received excitedly by the WCC.
- Wildlife Sightings: Leslie mention a Black Bear at Kimball Heights, Bart mentioned a Skunk, and also a sighting of a large cat possible bobcat?
- Local Open Space
- Vandalism: No update

- Signage: New Signs completed (see above) just need to be placed at Frog Pond & Wegener Woods.
- Isaac Frye Highway Project: Spencer mentioned receiving a letter regarding High Mowing to have a meeting on the 24th of August.
- Gage Road Field: Spencer mentioned a WCC coaster as a commemorative thank you piece.
- Stanton Knock: No update (Management Plan needed & mentioned to include with Frog Pond)
- Sherburne Woods: No update (Management Plan needed)
- Frog Pond: Donna Crane owner of lot 43, off Maple Street has asked if we could move the (R-O-W) road to Frog Pond away from her home and closer to the edge of her property. Alan mentioned that he was hoping to use the dirt from the sewer project. Alan and Spencer also brought up how many feet do we have to be from the water to build a new road? Moving the road adjacent to the Brook was a consideration, however members of the committee want to get the accurate information on where they can place the road, and also map it out. Bill brought up a good point about State Regulations? Zoning Board? Planning Board? This was left for the next meeting. Then discussions of the maintenance of the fields, which was being done well by Fitch. Spencer then brought up the pipe needed for the two Culverts. That we should purchase the 18" pipe needed for these projects. Spencer mentioned Steve Elliott, Wilton Road Agent, could be of assistance. Spencer mentioned that it would probably cost about \$300 for each Culvert.
- Lynne made a motion to spend \$700, or less, for the Culvert R-O-W at Frog Pond, Leslie Seconds the motion – Motion Approved.
- Jeff Stone reports on his two conferences. Perkins School for the Blind ran a class discussion on their renovation of the pond on their site. Sonya B Perkins gave the talk. The Urban Park project was on the 11 acres the school owned, including the dredging of the pond on site. The most important point was how to handle the "waste" if indeed we were to dredge the Frog Pond. The second conference was on dam's. The concerns of the WCC is the seepage from Frog Pond.

There was a handout from the conference, Anatomy of an Earth Embankment Dam, Dam Inspection Action Items, Inspection Checklist with Action Items, Seepage Weir...and a couple of other helpful informational pages. Jeff mentioned about maybe creating something to measure the actual seepage. Members discussed how much was seepage and how much was overflow, including how to stop the seepage. It was also brought up that there is a well about 10 feet out in the Frog Pond, which might attribute to the seepage. The discussion was left at this point.

- Carnival Hill: Fitch had maintained the field.
- Community Garden at Carnival Hill: No Update
- Four Corner Farms: No Update
- Wegener Woods: Sign competed, needs to be placed on pressure treated wood
- Trails: No Update
- Miscellaneous: Spencer brought up that Wilton had no list in place to keep track of the trees that had been memorialized, for example the WWII Vet's and others. The WCC cannot maintain the trees if we do not have an accurate list of them.
- Miscellaneous: Including but not limited to:
- Souhegan Watershed Association: Update
- Souhegan River Local Advisory Committee (SoRLAC): Update
- Regional Open Space Team (ROST): Update
- Souhegan Valley Land Trust (SVLT): Update
- NiSoHiLa: Update
- Leslie made a motion to adjourn at 9:00pm, Bill second. Motion approved

Minutes interpreted by D. T. Tallarico