

# **Wilton Conservation Commission**

PO Box 83 Wilton Town Hall, Wilton, NH 03086

## **MINUTES OF MEETING**

### **MONDAY – 14 OCTOBER 2013 – 7:00 PM**

The Wilton Conservation Commission held its regular monthly meeting on Monday, 14 October 2013, at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall Courtroom.

Laurence S. Coronis was absent. Jeff Stone and Joe Boyle were also present.

Lynne called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm.

- Minutes – Review Meeting Minutes for August & September, couple of adjustments to be made. Spencer made a motion to approve the minutes, Bill second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- Budget & Expenditures – Review 2013 Expenditures – Spencer informed the WCC that there is still \$30,000 in the acquisition fund.
- ZBA – No Meeting in September; No Upcoming Meeting for October
- Planning Board – Meetings of 18 September and 02 October; Upcoming Meeting of 16 October. Only the Minutes of the September 18th meeting were available. Lynne gave a synopsis of the meeting notes. Lynne did remind everyone that the Master Plan, as well as the Minutes are available on the Town website. Lynne brought to everyone's attention that there was a Wilton resident that had attended the meeting The Fishers, and had addressed the amount of land Wilton has in Conservation. The Fishers had also attended the September WCC meeting with the discussion of the water issues due to farming on Abbot Hill.
- Tree Cuttings / Stone Walls / Scenic Roads, etc. – Spencer informed

WCC of the Significant Tree Group @ the Tarbell Library in Lyndeborough at 10:00am on Tuesday October 15th.

- Forest Management / Timber Harvests / Logging – Bill addressed a Timber intent for D84-7 Pead Hill Road, and C-56/ C-58. None of these properties encroach on WCC lands – no issue found.
- New Reservoir/Old Reservoir – No new update
- Label Art Dam – No new information, a decision was made on removing this from our Agenda, due to the State not moving forward as of yet. Spencer motioned, Bill second motion passed unanimously.
- Violations & Complaints – Maple Street issue was discussed again. Mark Gabel’s property has an easement for him to pass over Town property to access his land. There is constant issues with vehicles, trash, and debris on the Town property. It has been addressed on many occasions since January 2013 and brought to the Planning Board, as well as the Town Selectmen on numerous occasions. It was noted that the Town’s Lawyer might now be involved.
- Open Lands – See below -
- Wildlife Sightings – Turkey Vultures, Merlin Falcon, Bear and Coyotes.
  
- WCC Letter to Selectmen – WCC has a letter approving the adding of Jeff Stone, as an Alternate, Joe Broyles as a WCC member, and making Les Tallarico Emeritus at his request. Lynne addressed that we need to know how the new members want their contact information listed with the Town of Wilton, and before we can update the WCC Letterhead.
  
- Local Open Space
- Vandalism – Nothing new ... Maple Street already addressed above
- Signage – New Signs; Alan offered to provide the treated lumber for the signs. Discussion about getting, Spencer, Les and Alan together to complete this project.
- Tallarico Land – Discussion on the Draft Proposal – Many points were addressed with the Draft, including but not limited to what

happens when the “Grantor” is no longer with us, under PURPOSES section E. with respect to the ground water, under Limitations iii. b. Forestry management – At this time Lynne mentioned that it would be in the Town and WCC’s best interest to have the Town Lawyer review the draft.

- Spencer moved to allocate \$10,000 from the Acquisition Budget for the Tallarico Land Conservation Easement, Bart Second the Motion – Motion passed unanimously.
- Lynne addressed bringing the project to the Selectmen, and would get in touch with Pam to get on the Selectmen’s Agenda. Need to approve the concept of Acquiring.
- Get the Town Lawyer involved with the written document.
- Arrange a public hearing – which will include Advertising the Public Hearing which meets NH State Law, Public has to be given at least 14 days’ notice.
- Spencer made a motion to allocate up to \$200 from WCC general funds for the Advertising, Bart Second, and Motion passed unanimously.
- Horseshoe – Spencer informed every one of the meeting on Tuesday October 15th at 11:45 at the Horseshoe. Swift Corwin has brought this project to light. Saving the Horseshoe Agenda – Fair Weather, Introduction, Introduction to Swift by Spencer, Word from Swift Corwin, Walk the site, Option to go to Court Room, Concept of project as seen by Swift, Mary Tebo-Davis UNH Cooperative Ext. Urban Forester, Ian McSweeney, RUSSELL FARM FOREST CONSERVATION FOUNDATION, Next Steps.
- Isaac Frye Highway Project – WCC has received no update since the last meeting from either the residents that where concerned over the lack of water, and we have had no updates information from Ian McSweeney. There was no information left in the WCC mailbox that the residents had promised. There was also no Plan of Action on how this was going to be addressed. Bill had information on the water from the DES and will send a copy to everyone. Spencer sent a letter to NRCS, and had heard nothing back. A discussion started on this

project between WCC members, it was brought to our attention that the water level has gone down 10 feet across NH (Per Tom Stone NH Agriculture), WCC members are concerned about the Water issue on Abbot Hill and the fact that it has not been addressed. The WCC does not at this moment feel comfortable investing in this project – at least but not limited to the water issue being addressed. Until the water issue is resolved, WCC will not make any further decisions, but did decide to write a letter to all the parties involved in this project with our concerns. All members of the WCC agreed.

- Gage Road Field – Update and Discussion – No Update
- Stanton Knock – Management Plan – no Update
- Sherburne Woods – Management Plan – no Update
- Frog Pond – R-O-W, R-O-W Culvert, Maintenance, Milford Side Field Edging; Spencer updated us to the fact that the WCC has to make the actual purchase of the Culverts from Greenville....
- Frog Pond – Potential Dredging of Pond for 2013; Update
- Carnival Hill – Update
- Community Garden at Carnival Hill – Update
- Four Corners Farm – Spencer addressed the fact that the concert and the cars caused a definite issue. That we should look into addressing this further. This has been addressed by the Town Selectmen at the September 9th meeting. They found that they were in violation of the Site Plan.
- Wegener Woods – New Signs; plan addressed above
- Trails – Update
- Miscellaneous – including but not limited to:
  - New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commissions Annual Meeting, 02 November 2013
  - Souhegan Watershed Association – Meeting October 17th, at 7pm.
  - Souhegan River Local Advisory Committee (SoRLAC) – Update
  - Regional Open Space Team (ROST) – Update
  - Souhegan Valley Land Trust (SVLT) – Update
  - NiSoHiLa – Update

Alan made a motion to end the meeting at 9:01pm, Bill second the motion...Meeting Adjourned

Minutes Interpreted by Donna Tallarico