

# Wilton Conservation Commission

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## MEETING MINUTES - DRAFT

MONDAY AUGUST 8<sup>th</sup> 2016 7:00 PM

The Wilton Conservation Commission held its regular monthly meeting on Monday, August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016, at 7:00 pm in the Old Wilton Town Courtroom.

- Call to Order: Commissioner Jennifer Beck called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
- Roll Call: Chairman Bart Hunter, Leslie Tallarico, Joe Broyles, Bill Maher, Alan Preston, Jeffrey Stone and Jennifer Beck.
- Visitors: Ruth Smith 654-6636

### Old Business:

- Review and approve July 11<sup>th</sup> Minutes. Joe moved to accept, Bill second, Jeff abstains, motion passed by majority.
- Review and approve the Work Session Minutes of August 4<sup>th</sup>, Alan moved to accept, Bill second, motion passed unanimously.
- Budget & Expenditures: Jennifer signed for the \$1,000.00 Award this morning, for the Wild Wilton Photo Contest.
- ZBA: August 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:30. Joe Broyles will attend the ZBA meeting.
- Planning Board: It was noted that Bart has been Appointed as an Alternate for the Planning Board. The meeting is on August 17<sup>th</sup>, no agenda yet.
- Frog Pond: Sheas' ROW area is cleared, except for a car radiator leaning against a tree on the north end; some pallets, some planks and a scorched log at the southern end. Many thanks to the Board of Selectmen! Jeff also noted that he noticed more down-wash of sand onto Whiting Hill Road below the Carnival Hill west gate (the orchard road). It does not appear to have been washed across.
- Forest Management: High Mowing F-127, F-139, F-130, & F-131. Elizabeth Sullivan D-198. D-139, D-140 & D-141.
- Wildlife Sightings: Deer & Turkey, Leslie. Red Start Bird, Joe. Painted Turtle at Frog Pond, Jeff. Bart mentioned he is seeing hummingbirds everywhere.

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- Wild Wilton Update: Jennifer thanked Jeff for all his hard work!! We had over 50 contestants and plan to keep them engaged through citizen science programs and educational outreach. The awards ceremony is August 11 at the library from 7-8PM. We will present the winner for the cash prize and both the honorable mentions and semi-finalists will be on display for the month of August. Then the winner and 11 honorable mentions will move to the town hall. We'll also be looking for opportunities to celebrate all the entries over the next few months. Jeff provided feedback on participant's ideas for next year's contest.
  - Leslie is working with Jennifer on the list of Wilton residents with land that might be interested in conserving or preserving their land.
  - Community Outreach: Drafting a proposal to go after the Moose Plate grant money, perhaps jointly with the scouts, to help with trails on town properties, signage, smart phone apps to download trail maps, kiosks, and bridges, etc. Will possibly combine with training for trail talks and wildlife lectures. Proposals are due Sept 15<sup>th</sup>.

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54 **New Business:**

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- Mrs. Ruth Smith, Purple Loosestrife: Creating awareness of the dangers of the Plant, the #1 Invasive Species. Jennifer mentioned using the New England Stewardship Network. Jennifer suggested that they get together during the week, to see if this is the way they would want to go. Mrs. Smith handed out a print-out on the Biological Control of Purple Loosestrife. Jennifer thought about using this as an Educational Outreach.

60 **Miscellaneous:**

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- Souhegan River Local Advisory Committee (SoRLAC) Meeting August 18<sup>th</sup>. Still discussing the Fletcher cleanup site.
  - Adjournment: Bill moved to close the meeting, Joe second, motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Jennifer Beck closed the meeting at 8:28pm.

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67 Respectfully D. Tallarico