

Wilton Conservation Commission

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MINUTES OF MEETING

MONDAY – 8TH SEPTEMBER 2014 – 7:00 PM

The Wilton Conservation Commission held its Regular Monthly Meeting on Monday, 8th of September 2014, at 7:00 PM at the Building Inspectors Office.

Items on the Agenda were as follows:

- **Bart Hunter, Chairman:** Called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm.

Old Business:

- **Minutes:** August Minutes, *Jeff made a Motion to Accept the minutes, Alan Second the motion. Motion Carried.*
- **Budget & Expenditures:** *See Discussion Below
- **Selectmen's Meeting of September 2nd:** * Bart: We met with the Selectmen on the 2nd of September. The Selectmen reviewed the budget for WCC for the 2013 year, and suggested using the \$1,000 left over from the tree removal to make sure that the Clerk got paid. The Selectmen also suggested that we put more money in our budget for Trail maintenance. The Budgets for all departments were being reviewed. The Selectmen just wanted some clarification on a few things. It was a very positive meeting.
- **ZBA:** No August Meeting, September 15th. 7:30 Meeting (Bill)
- **Planning Board:** August 20th Meeting, Upcoming September 17th Meeting will discuss a building permit for the fishing camp.
- **Mission Statement:** Laurence working on it
- **Conservation Plan:** Les discussed that the Wilton Conservation Plan was originally done and submitted on November 1988. Les stated that properties, and soil maps are out dated and will need to be current. Les suggested that because the National Regional Planning Commission assisted up with the Original, that we should submit it as revised and the current date. Maybe we can get them to look at it before we submit it.
- **Wildlife Sightings:** Wood Peckers, Turkeys, Joe noted we had Night Hawks at the Old Home days and maybe they were migrating.

New Business:

- **Planning for and managing for diverse habitats:** Joe discussed the subject further, and it was something that the WCC would most definitely look at in the future. Joe will continue to look into this, and also check for Federal Grants that might be available. Bart thinking about this stated that it would be a great idea to lead hikes, and maybe to some training.
- **Frog Pond Junk & Trash:** Jeff Stone will have Bart sign the letter to the selectmen and had deliver to Pam Atwood, and also attempt to get on the Agenda of the Selectmen as soon as possible. It was noted that a good show of WCC members would benefit us at the Selectmen's meeting.
- **2015 WCC Budget:** Bart: When we go to the planning board we need to have a master plan, a mission statement. We also need to define what the difference is between Town Owned and Conservation Managed properties. The way we have defined it is a conservation easement, or R-O-W, Town Forests these are our properties. Also we need to answer the question "What does protected land mean?" Also we need to have more money set aside for land management. Bart stated let's plan a separate meeting to go over the Budget proposal for the year 2015. Can someone look into how we can get a Warrant

Article for the Town Meeting and ask for the up to 15% of the RSA so we can ask for X amount. Also research timber tax, I am sure we to be getting a bit of that also. Plan on September 22nd for the Work Session.

- **Mason Road:** Non-Conforming Land use, as Land Steward Bart can enter from the adjacent property as we will not get permission to go on the actual property at H-080. They have already been issued a cease and desist order by the Building inspector, and have ignores and moved the sign. Bart said he would work with the John Shepardson, Wilton Town Building Inspector.
- **Barnett Water:** This is definitely a Town issue, Alan mentioned that Steve Elliott had a lot going on right now, Bart reiterated that it needs to be handled by the town. Will discuss more at the next monthly meeting.
- **Wilton Town Website:** Jeff & Donna to work on this together, we should discuss it further at the next Monthly Meeting. What we want to keep on the site, what we don't and how much access we are going to have. But the Budget is the most important thing as of this minute and that time is coming up on us fast.
- **Trails:** Bart is working on them.
- **Miscellaneous –**
 - Souhegan River Local Advisory Committee (SoRLAC) – No Meeting

Les made the motion to close the meeting at 9:07pm, Joe second the Motion. Motion Passed

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