

# Wilton Conservation Commission

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## MEETING MINUTES - (Approved Oct 10, 2016)

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 12, 2016 7:00 PM

The Wilton Conservation Commission held its regular monthly meeting on Monday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016, at 7:00 pm in the Old Wilton Town Courtroom.

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

Visitors: Sylvia L. Mansfield-Beach, James M. Beach, Sandy Lafleur.

### New Business:

- Sylvia L. Mansfield: Looking for an exception under section 11.4(a) of the Wilton Zoning Ordinance, to allow the construction of a driveway which will cross a wetland area on Lot H-124, 326 Captain Clark Highway. (Site visit for Case #8/9/16-3). Joe, Bart & Jeff attended the walkthrough. Jeffrey moved to accept the plans, Jennifer second the motion, motion passed unanimously. Bart stated that we need to let the Planning Board know of our decision.
- Earth Day 2017: Wilton Sustainability Summit April 2nd 2016. Sandy spoke of how successful the 2016 event was. Sandy spoke of her vision for the 2017 Souhegan Valley Sustainability Summit on Earth Day April 22nd, 2017. I am looking for people who have connection's, to help with networking and physical body to assist. Jennifer volunteered, and will meet with Sandy this week. The Conservation commission is behind the event.
- HMS and Wilton Land Use Agreement Draft dated June 1st, 2016: The Draft had been forwarded to the Wilton Conservation Commission for initial approval. The Commission discussed the Draft in length. Jeff moved that the WCC reviewed the HMS and Wilton Land Use Agreement dated June 1st, 2016 and will forward it to the Selectmen without objection, Joe second, motion passed unanimously. Bart noted that we need to forward the HMS and Wilton Land Use Agreement Draft to Pamela Atwood for the Selectmen to review.

### Old Business:

- Review and approve August 8<sup>th</sup> Minutes, Jennifer moved to accept the August 8<sup>th</sup> Minutes & Bill second, motion passed unanimously.
- Budget & Expenditures:

- 44           ○ Joe and Bart are attending Wet Land mapping workshops at UNH, the cost is \$80  
45 per person. They are asking for reimbursement from the commission. Alan moved  
46 pay the \$160, Jennifer seconds, motion passed unanimously.
- 47           ○ Alan is seeking for approval for \$525 to brush the Frog Pond Dam. Jeff moved to  
48 approved the \$525 for Alan to brush the Frog Pond area, Bill second, motion passed  
49 unanimously. Bart noted this should be listed as a 5110 expense.
- 50           • Frog Pond:
- 51           ○ The southern seepage had no flow. The pond was so low it almost looks like you  
52 could walk across it and stay dry.
- 53           ○ I did see a couple of good size animal holes, I took pictures. What should I do about  
54 them? Alan mentioned that he had in the past filled holes with the stone from the  
55 side of the dam.
- 56           ○ There is some extensive land clearing west of the Shea house adjacent to the FPCA,  
57 (probably Milford's part of it). The cleared area extends south toward the water ROW.  
58 I don't know if it is extending on conservation land. Bart mentioned it was something  
59 that we need to look at, and asked Alan if he could take a look at it as he was very  
60 aware of the boundaries. Alan agreed.
- 61           ○ Jeff noted that the ROW is now clear of debris, all that is left is an old radiator and a  
62 pallet. Jeff wanted to know if he could just go and remove them? Alan mentioned that  
63 it probably wasn't a good idea for him (Alan) to go there due to past confrontation's  
64 with the home owners.
- 65           ○ Jeff moved that we thank the Selectmen with a letter for their persistence with getting  
66 this ROW cleared, Joe second, motion passed unanimously. Jeff will send the letter.
- 67           • Wildlife Sightings: Peregrine Falcon, Joe. Bart Otters at Heald Tract, Les, turkeys and  
68 bear. Jeff turkeys and a turtle at frog pond. Joe coyotes, two nights ago.
- 69           • Wild Wilton Update: Jennifer noted that all the photos are up in the Gallery in the Wilton  
70 Town Hall.
- 71           • Education Outreach:
- 72           ○ Jennifer spoke to Ruth Smith regarding the Purple Loosestrife. Ruth will can't do  
73 anything this year but showed interest in doing something in 2017.
- 74           ○ Jennifer read a draft letter for the land owners, with prime conservation land. Then  
75 asked the commission for suggestions. Discussion; Jennifer noted she will work on  
76 the letter and send a draft out to the members for any other suggestions.
- 77           • Jeff noted that all the Wild Wilton photos are on line on the Conservation Web Site. Do  
78 we want to save a copy of the photos or can he delete them from his computer? Jennifer  
79 asked Jeff if he could burn a disk with the photos in case we want to use them down the  
80 road. Jeff agreed.

81           **Miscellaneous:**

82           Souhegan River Local Advisory Committee (SoRLAC) Meeting 9/15.

83           Adjournment: Bill moved to close the meeting, Joe second, motion passed unanimously.

84           Chairman Bart Hunter closed the meeting at 9.10 pm.