

Wilton Conservation Commission

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Minutes, Monthly Meeting of October 10, 2016

The Wilton Conservation Commission held its regular monthly meeting on Monday, October 10, 2016, at 7:00 pm in the fire station training room.

- Chairman Bart Hunter called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.
- Present: Alan Preston, Bart Hunter, Bill Maher, Jeff Stone. Jennifer came in after the Selectmen's meeting.
- Visitors: **Jessie Salisbury**

New Business:

- Budget for 2017 - Bart: So far, doesn't think we need a budget increase - anyone? Please think about any proposed expenditures; **we'll vote on the budget in November**. Alan mentioned the brush at the bottom of Carnival Hill needing cutting.
- ZBA, Thomas G. Holmes application for variance to section 4.6.7 of the Wilton Zoning Ordinance, to permit construction of a house and deck on Lot F-37-2, Intervale Rd., closer to a wetland than is permitted by ordinance (Case #1/11/16-1): We need to **visit the next ZBA meeting**, October 11, 2016, **to request a site visit**. Jeff will attend.
- Funding for members to attend the annual NHACC meeting on Saturday, November 12th: Alan moved and Bill seconded a motion to **allocate \$55/person for up to 5 of us** to attend. The motion **passed unanimously**.

Old Business:

- Minutes of September 12, 2016 meeting: Jeff noted some **corrections to his Frog Pond report**. Bill moved and Alan seconded we **accept the minutes as amended**. The motion **passed unanimously**.
- Budget and expenditures: Jeff moved and Bill seconded that we **allocate \$500. for clearing brush & trees at Frog Pond Dam** to comply with the 2015 DES Letter of Deficiency. The motion **passed unanimously**. The LOD indicated a considerable area to be cleared of trees. Jeff will **call the DES/Dam Bureau to request a site walk** with them to mark specific trees, and to explain why they have expanded the dam maintenance boundary.
- Planning Board: The Planning Board has done a site walk on part of the Quinn Bros. gravel bank.
- Frog Pond - Jeff:
 - Jeff asked about **caulking the cracks in the dam face** to exclude water & prevent freeze damage. He was given the **go-ahead**; It was suggested he **use Hydraulic Cement**.
 - Jeff, with help from Lynne Stone and Mark Gabel, has **removed the few remaining bits of non-natural materials from the Shea water ROW** in the Frog Pond Conservation Area.
 - **Jeff read the text of a letter to the BoS thanking them** for assistance in getting the Shea ROW cleared. Jennifer moved, and Bill seconded **we accept and send the letter as read**. Jeff will send.
- Wild Wilton 2016 Photo Contest: **Jeff delivered a compact disk** containing the **imagery and records** from the photo contest.
- Jeff noted that he had **discussed with Town Administrator Scott Butcher, the need for a policy** on town **records kept on personal computers**, and reported that **Scott was already looking into it** and into the larger question of security and confidentiality (where required) of such records.
- Forest Management: Bill reports **no changes in the Current Use taxes**. There were two **New Timber Intents** filed by David Graham, and Charles Crawford.
- Wildlife Sightings: Bart - 4 or 5 **otters** on the Quinn property. Jennifer - a **white skunk**, 2 **bear cubs** and a 2 year-old, and 2 **Coopers Hawks**. Jeff - a dozen **turkeys** in the Frog Pond Conservation Area.
- Education Outreach - Jennifer:

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- Jennifer presented an **updated Outreach Letter** to go to **23 landowners of parcels** considered **critical to conserve**; those marked in pink on the conservation maps.
- Jennifer presented a letter from the **Amherst Conservation Commission** requesting support by WCC (and other CCs) for adding a **NH Wildlife Action Plan data layer** to into MapGeo (nrpcnh.mapgeo.io). The cost to support the addition **would be \$500 which ACC would like to share with other CC**. Jeff moved, and Jennifer seconded, that we **reply to ACC that we support it in principle, actual support to depend on the specific amount of a share**. The motion **passed unanimously**.
- Jennifer demo'd an **Economic Development Leadership Team focus and slideshow update**.

Miscellaneous:

- SORLAC - Bill: SORLAC discussed Fletcher Paint.
- Chairman Bart Hunter **adjourned** the meeting at **9:11 pm**.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeffrey R. Stone, Acting Recorder

