

1 **Wilton Conservation Commission**

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4 **NOTICE OF MEETING MONDAY AUGUST 10, 2015 7:00 PM**

5 **DRAFT Minutes APPROVED 9/14/15**

6 Wilton Conservation Commission held its regular monthly meeting on Monday, August 10, 2015 at the
7 Town Hall Courtroom at 7:00PM. Present were Commissioners Bill Mahar, Spencer Brookes, Alan
8 Preston, Jeff Stone, Les Tallarico and Bart Hunter; Clerk Joanna K Eckstrom.

9 The following TENTATIVE agenda was discussed:

10 1. **Call to order** Chairman Hunter called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

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12 2. **Old Business:**

13 **Minutes** July 13, 2015 On a motion by Mr Brookes, seconded by Mr Mahar, the minutes were
14 unanimously approved as written.

15 With reference to action items from 7/13, Mr. Stone confirmed dues payment and WCC is all set.
16 Jeff also confirmed questions about the pipeline's path (June minutes) with maps from NRPC
17 which show that there are conservation properties within a ¼ mile and ½ mile of the proposed
18 pipeline. These are Heald Tract, Russell-Abbott, and Wilton Town Forest.

19 In further discussion about the maps and pipeline, Bart noted that the compressor may going
20 near the Old Temple School. He also said that the only 'branch' is to Fitchburg MA – the pipeline
21 will NOT serve any local customers. Bill noted that Keene NH is saying no to pipeline gas; will
22 continue with LP bottled gas.

23 With regard to Sheila Barnett's property and run off from Carnival Hill, Mr Preston noted a lot of
24 fine silt on Whiting Hill Road that wasn't there before. A question about fixing the ditch and berm
25 to keep water from coming across road to Ms. Barnett's property was raised. Alan and Bart will
26 visit highway department / Steve Elliott, to resolve. Further question about funds to do the job.

27 **Budget & Expenditures**

28 Jeff reported that he got an expense report from town office. These reports have never been
29 provided before but they will be useful so commission knows where it is from month to month.
30 There is \$2800 in land maintenance line item, part of which might be used to fix Ms Barnett's
31 issue.

32 Spencer said he had signed document relative to mowing at the Frog Pond. Signature was
33 needed for WCC to get grant from NRCS. Sean Trombly does he mowing.

34 3. **Ongoing Business:**

35 **Frog Pond** – Jeff's monthly report was reviewed. He also took pictures of areas to be cleaned up
36 at Gabel's. Jeff had attended a selectmen's meeting at which the 'clean up' by Mark Gabel was
37 discussed. Generally speaking, Mr Gabel is abiding by the cleanup agreement although there
38 have been some minor delays. Jeff will attend the Selectmen's meeting on August 17th and will

39 relay the consensus of the WCC is that progress has been made but it wants the job finished –
40 there is still some debris and ‘junk’ – windshields, chrome pieces and tires – to be removed.

41 Sam Shea has passed – he may be an abutter to Frog Pond. WCC isn’t sure if / when probate has
42 been done and whether Frog Pond will be part of that.

43 With reference to Emergency Access to Frog Pond, the best access is via 80 Maple Street. It can
44 also be accessed via Milford but there are boulders that limit easy passage. A recap of LCHIP
45 moneys (\$700), culverts, and last year’s money shows that funds are available to improve
46 emergency access.

47 **ZBA:** Next meeting 8/11 – Tedder property, Russell Hill Rd, replace barn; no WCC issue

48 **Planning Board:** latest meeting discussed crematorium

49 **Forest Management and Timber Intentions:** Bill distributed Timber update. Only new ones are at
50 Quinns, likely related to reclamation plans.

51 **Wildlife Sightings:** Bart – owls; Spencer - vultures

52 **Update on Conservation Plan:** work on maps is ongoing

53 **Dog Waste** – anything new? – No, Jeff will follow up with Selectmen on 8/17 as needed.

54 **SORLAC** Iron Bridge is coming down; otherwise nothing new to report.

55 **Boards Replacement:** no activity yet

56 **4. New Business:** Jeff got letter from High Mowing – Frye Field is officially preserved.

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58 Spencer identified areas that need to be ‘monitored for LCHIP – Frye Field, Four Corners Farm,
59 Carnival Hill, Abbot Hill Fields – commissioners will volunteer to complete.

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61 A pine tree at right side of stone wall at Carnival Hill was damaged and recently taken down.

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63 There was brief discussion about collaborations between WCC and other groups in town. What
64 may be needed to make this happen is a Town Manager.

65 **Next Meeting: Monday, September 14, 2015**

66 There being no other business, on a motion by Les, seconded by Spencer, the meeting adjourned at
67 8:10.

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69 Respectfully,

70 Joanna K Eckstrom, Clerk