

1 **Wilton Conservation Commission**

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

5 **DRAFT Minutes**

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.

22 *"Bill noted article in newspaper(Telegraph) as stating that the city of Keene NH has no*  
23 *natural gas facility presently and if the pipeline is built that Keene would consider*  
24 *building a spur line to the proposed pipeline to get the natural gas which would be*  
25 *cheaper than the propane gas that is presently utilized, an estimated 47,000 customers*  
26 *would be affected."*

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

32 **Budget & Expenditures**

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

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

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40 **3. Ongoing Business:**

41 **Frog Pond** – Jeff’s monthly report was reviewed. He also took pictures of areas to be cleaned up  
42 at Gabel’s. Jeff had attended a selectmen’s meeting at which the ‘clean up’ by Mark Gabel was  
43 discussed. Generally speaking, Mr Gabel is abiding by the cleanup agreement although there  
44 have been some minor delays. Jeff will attend the Selectmen’s meeting on August 17<sup>th</sup> and will  
45 relay the consensus of the WCC is that progress has been made but it wants the job finished –  
46 there is still some debris and ‘junk’ – windshields, chrome pieces and tires – to be removed.

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

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

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

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

55 **Forest Management and Timber Intents:** Bill distributed Timber update. Only new ones are at  
56 Quinns, likely related to reclamation plans.

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

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

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

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

61 **Boards Replacement:** no activity yet

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

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64 Spencer identified areas that need to be ‘monitored for LCHIP – Frye Field, Four Corners Farm,  
65 Carnival Hill, Abbot Hill Fields – commissioners will volunteer to complete.  
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67 A pine tree at right side of stone wall at Carnival Hill was damaged and recently taken down.  
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69 There was brief discussion about collaborations between WCC and other groups in town. What  
70 may be needed to make this happen is a Town Manager.

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

72 There being no other business, on a motion by Les, seconded by Spencer, the meeting adjourned at  
73 8:10.

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75 Respectfully,

76 Joanna K Eckstrom, Clerk