

Wilton Conservation Commission

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MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY – 10th November 2014 – 7:00 PM

The Wilton Conservation Commission held its Regular Monthly Meeting on Monday, 10th of November 2014, at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall.

Items on the Agenda are as follows:

- **Bart Hunter, Chairman:** Opened the meeting at 7:05 pm.
- **Visitor:** Joe Torre 315-4892 torre@tds.net Joe had two handouts regarding questions on the Frye Field Easement Draft.
- **8:15 pm Ian B. McSweeney** - Discuss Frye Field Easement: Ian joined the meeting after meeting with the Selectmen. The questions that were asked were again to do with designated parking. As Ian had stated before “this is something that you need to deal with the land owner directly with, and has nothing to do with the Easement.” The prohibition of hunting was also brought up. Then the fact that in the town meeting in March the construction of wind towers and solar farms didn’t seem consistent with what was discussed at the town Meeting. Ian suggested writing a letter to High Mowing, but he can’t guarantee that there will be any changes. Ian went on to explain that this Easement is just a “cookie cutter easement” he changes the appropriate names where needed. Ian asked us what we need when all this is said and done. Surveys, Forest Management Plan, Farm Management Plan, actual Easement, Deed’s and the Baseline document. Ian said it could be spring when this finally comes to fruition. The WCC thanked Ian for his time.

Old Business:

- **Minutes:** Review/Approve Meeting October Minutes. *Bill made the motion to accept the minutes with the changes, Spencer second. Motion to the affirmative.*
- **Budget & Expenditures:** Review & Update
 - a. Discuss Warrant Article to request 10% of change of use tax. - Tabled
 - b. Discuss, confirm, and vote on 2015 Budget – The WCC started discussing the proposed budget for 2015. Bart met with Betsy out Liaison with the budget committee and mentioned that we might have trouble with the \$2,500 I other. Bart asked if we could re work the budget. After a discussion the committee came up with a workable budget for 2015. The final figure is \$5850. *Bill made a motion to accept the Proposed Budget for 2015, Joe seconds the motion. Motion to the affirmative.* Bart also mentioned that on December 4th, he would like as many members as possible at the budget meeting when presents the budget. Bart will send out an email to remind everyone.
- **ZBA:** No Cases at this time that require our attention
- **Planning Board:**
 - a. Discuss meeting with Planning Board reference Master Plan: Bart discussed the planning board meeting. They were very pleased and excited about the progress that we have made. Bart also mentioned that maybe we should consider adopting a Prime Wetlands provision and add it to the plan.
- **Forest Management:**
 - a. Discuss possible designation of Prime Wetlands: Bart asked the committee to think of what properties would be appropriate for this.

- b. Fall property monitoring four corner's farm: Bart, Joe and Jeff. Alan to monitor Hoovers, as someone had put up no hunting signs. The owners of the property Jane and her siblings state that they had nothing to do with it. Alan is waiting for conformation as they are just the generic no hunting signs.
- **Mission Statement:** Completed
- **Conservation Plan:** Les
 - a. NRPC is working on scanning CP into editable doc.
- **Wildlife Sightings:** Partridge/ Robins/ Mallards/ Vultures
- **Stephenson Property:** Wendy and George from the Society for the Protection of NH Forests are setting perimeters for possible logging by Mr. Whitehall.

New Business:

- **Planning for and managing for diverse habitats:** Joe Broyles is still interested on perusing this, Bart mentioned that the Heald Tract would be a good start.
- **Frog Pond Junk & Trash:** Jeff Stone
 - a. The WCC met with the Selectmen on the 26th of last month to discuss the issue of the abandoned cars on the Frog Pond property. The Selectmen realized that this is an ongoing issue and it is time to take action. They are going to write a letter, asking the person who left the cars to attend a Selectmen's meeting giving them 30 days to remove their property from Town owned Land. Jeff will follow up with Pam Atwood on the status.
- **Mason Road**
 - a. Discussion of filing complaint with DES. Bart has started to fill out the paperwork with respects to filing a complaint with DES.
- **Barnett Water:** Discussion
- **Wilton Town Website:** Jeff talked about the New Website, he has sent in many suggestions. There is training for department heads on November 19th, at 9 am. Jeff will be the liaison for WCC on the Web Site, including changes that we want to make and things we want to add. We are not 100% sure of the capabilities we will have as of yet.
- **Trails:** Bart
- **Miscellaneous –**
 - Souhegan River Local Advisory Committee (SoRLAC) – Upcoming Meeting November 30th.

Les made a motion to end the meeting at 9:25, Bill second the motion. Motion to the affirmative