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11 Minutes of Monthly Meeting

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13 The Wilton Conservation Commission held its regular monthly meeting on Monday, October 8, 2018,
14 at 7:00 pm in the Fire Station Training Room.

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16 **Call to Order:** Chairman Bart Hunter called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

17 Those attending were:

- 18 • Members: Bart Hunter, Chairman, Jeff Stone, Alan Preston, and William Mahar. J. Beck joined
19 the meeting at 9:15 PM.

20 Guests: Harry Dailey, Budget Committee, Scott Slattery, Habitat for Humanity

21 **Old Business:**

- 22 • **Minutes:** Review of the minutes for our last month's meeting on September 10, 2018. The
23 following changes were made: Line 44 should read "points" upstream; Line 50 removed the
24 word "hands" from the sentence..." taken out of" taken out of our hands. A motion was made
25 by J. Beck and seconded by W. Mahar to approve the minutes as amended. **The motion**
26 **passed.**

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28 Review of the minutes of August 13th. A motion was made by J. Beck and seconded by W.
29 Mahar to approve the minutes. **The motion passed.**

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31 Review of the special meeting minutes of August 22nd. A motion was made by J. Beck and
32 seconded by W. Mahar to approve these minutes. **The motion passed.**

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34 • **Budget:** Harry Dailey joined our meeting to discuss the budget process for this year. B.
35 Hunter indicated that according to the RSA's we should a non-lapsing fund account. If we put
36 these donations into the budget they become lapsing and disappear at the end of the year if
37 we do not use it. Harry indicated that if we know for sure someone is going to donate monies
38 and we have a project in mind, have the return in January. This way the money can be spent
39 in that year. He also indicated that the only time money is added into the budget is when it is
40 for a specific purpose and it will be completed within 12 months. J. Beck asked that if an
41 individual donated money for a public project within the town, where this money would go. Do
42 we have to do a warrant article to accept it? H. Daily recommended that for a cleaner process
43 there should be an account already made for this. He also indicated that the Select Board are
44 the only ones who can accept a donation.

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46 H. Dailey indicated that he can be reached at hdailey@wiltonnh.org if you have other
47 questions.

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49 **Change of Meeting Date:** There was discussion to change the meeting date in order to
50 accommodate for the Commission to go to some of the Select Board meetings. It was

51 determined that due to this budget year, the Commission would wait until January to change
52 the date to second or third Tuesday of the month.

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- 54 • **ZBA:** J. Stone indicated that the Board met last month regarding a re-hearing for a non-
55 attached accessory dwelling. He also indicated that they would be having a meeting tomorrow
56 regarding the McDonough's application.
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 - 58 • **Planning Board B.** Hunter indicated that S. Proctor is involved in another project. Discussion
59 was had on this project.
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 - 61 • **Frog Pond:** J. Stone indicated that there is nothing new to report. He was unable to get a
62 seepage weir reading because the pipe was plugged. After cleaning it out, the seepage
63 appeared to be leveling out. He also indicated that he has changed the name of the form for
64 North Seepage to North Toe. J. Stone indicated that when he checked near the dam on the
65 north side, the ground was firm and dry unless it was raining. Therefore, he will be checking it
66 less often.

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68 B. Hunter indicated he knows a person from Lyndeborough that he will take around the east
69 side of the pond and do the loop to see if he could help out to clear the trail. J. Beck
70 suggested that we get J. Lavacchia to our meeting to go over the town properties that need
71 mowing and maintenance. It was suggested that we wait until the new year.

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73 B. Hunter indicated that all the other monitoring has been done and the various reports have
74 been sent to the various parties.

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- 76 • **Forest Management:** W Mahar indicated that there is only one new timber cut for the year.
77 See the report. He indicated that he still has not gotten a recent current use report.
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 - 79 • **Wildlife Sightings:** J. Beck indicated that she saw a purple finch. B. Hunter indicated that the
80 coyotes are back. Some other wildlife seen were turkeys and a snapping turtle.

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82 **New Business:**

- 83 • **Habitat for Humanity:** Scott Slattery, Executive Director of Habitat for Humanity joined the
84 meeting to speak with us. He indicated that he had spoken to the Planning Board about 3
85 months ago regarding 19 Pleasant Street. He indicated there was an existing house there at
86 one time and it included several outbuildings. S. Slattery indicated he had completed a
87 Memorandum of Understanding with the previous Town Administrator to build a single family
88 residence at this location. He indicated that they have an application process to determine
89 which Wilton family from a moderate to low income household will be awarded the residence.
90 This will put the property back on the tax roll for the town. The family that is picked will not
91 have to pay more than 30% of their income. They are also required to do community service
92 which includes working on their house. S. Slattery also indicated that they hold the mortgage
93 to these properties. If the family defaults, Habitat for Humanity would have the right of first
94 refusal to purchase the property. He indicated that they do not have any families at this
95 moment in or near default.

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97 B. Hunter gave us some background regarding this situation. He indicated there will be a
98 Planning Board public hearing scheduled for October 15th. S. Slattery turned the conversation
99 over to Tim Goldthwait from Meridian.

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101 T. Goldthwait showed us the site plan for the residence to be built. He indicated he has not got
102 a full plan done to show the Planning Board as of yet. He indicated they did not have an
103 architect yet. He also knows that they will have to get a variance. Their goal is to build the
104 house close to the original foot plan. He did not believe that this project would be starting for
105 at least one year. A. Preston is familiar with this property and did not believe there would be
106 any conservation issue with this project.
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108 S. Slattery then discussed in further detail the process of how a family is chosen. B. Hunter
109 indicated that he would be going to hearing on the 15th and at our next meeting in November
110 we can discuss this project again and then sign off on it.
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- 112 • **Horseshoe project:** J. Beck indicated that she has three scenarios to suggest to the
113 appropriate groups. She indicated that the Police, DPW and EMS are all in favor with the 3rd
114 scenario. She asked for help regarding the finalization of these scenarios and what she might
115 be missing from them. The scenarios are as follows: 1. Do nothing; 2. leave under private
116 ownership; 3. Buy the properties. (**JB please correct me on this – got a little confused**).
117 Discussion was had regarding all three scenarios.
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119 J. Beck asked to look up information regarding the meaning of current use for these properties
120 and how they are taxed.
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- 122 • **New town Website:** J. Stone indicated the website is ahead of schedule and the current target
123 date to go live is in November. The website is more comprehensive. He said he was
124 concerned that he might have to take on maintenance of both the municipal and the
125 community events calendar. Now that there would be separate ones, he will be responsible for
126 the community events calendar. J. Stone indicated that Jackie has done a great job.
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128 **Old Business:**

- 129 • **Recruitment:** J. Beck asked about an update on recruitment. B. Hunter indicated he may
130 have a person interested. J. Stone indicated he was waiting for J. Beck to send him the
131 guidelines to put on the website. She apologized and indicated she would be getting them to
132 J. Stone. It was discussed that the Commission should have a list of projects in advance for
133 when interested parties inquired about the Commission.
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- 135 • **SoRLAC:** B. Mahar indicated there was not meeting.
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137 **Adjournment:**

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- 139 • A motion to adjourn was moved, seconded by W. Mahar and J. Beck. **The motion passed.** B.
140 Hunter **adjourned the meeting at 10:30 pm.**
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142 Respectfully submitted,

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144 Jeanette Vinton, WCC Recorder
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