

Wilton Conservation Commission

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Minutes of Monthly Meeting

(approved: Oct 8, 2018)

The Wilton Conservation Commission held its **regular monthly meeting on Monday, September 10, at 7:00 pm** in the Wilton Fire Station West Meeting Room.

Call to Order: Chairman Bart Hunter called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Those attending were:

- Members: Bart Hunter, Bill Maher, Jeff Stone, Jennifer Beck, Les Tallarico

Old Business:

- Minutes: Review **of the minutes** of the August 13 meeting: Review of the minutes was tabled.
- Minutes: Review **of the minutes** of the September 22 Special meeting at Four Corners Farm.: Review of the minutes was tabled.
- Budget & Expenditures: B. Hunter – Nothing new to report.
- ZBA: J. Stone – ZBA will re-hear Gareth Dimery's application next week.
- Planning Board: B. Hunter – Sam Proctor has withdrawn his subdivision in Abbott Hill Acres due to discovery that a part of the land in question is owned by the town.
- Frog Pond: J. Stone – Nothing new to report.
- Forest Management: W. Mahar – No new intent-to-cut filings.
- Wildlife Sightings: (none reported)
- Property (LCHIP) monitoring: J. Stone has composed a single monitoring report form intended to meet the requirements of the several easement-holders we report to. J. Stone will print 20 copies for this year's use. J. Stone will transcribe the hand-written reports, once completed, into electronic form and include a scan of the originals.
 - J. Stone noted that he had reported in June that the 2017 WCC Minutes were missing from the town website. He has since discovered that they are not, in fact missing, but that the presentation format of the minutes inventory had led him to a mistaken conclusion.

New Business:

- Review of the master plan for the town's water assets (Horseshoe, Garwin Falls, and Sand Hill Rd. Reservoir): J. Beck
 - Dept. head meetings completed, suggestions included needing lighting, gates with break-away locks for emergency access, a "crib-line" marking the deep water at the Horseshoe, water-quality testing, Police Dept. would want an off-road quad-wheeler. B. Mahar noted that SORLAC monitors the Souhegan River water quality at a number of points upstream of the Horseshoe and at the Horseshoe itself.
 - She also presented a sampling of residents' survey responses about each asset.
 - She suggested 3 possible management options:
 1. Continue to manage the boundaries (two of the assets are on private land)
 2. Wait for market forces to eventually develop the properties – we would lose the assets, but the problems would be taken out of our hands.
 3. Purchase and conserve the lands, open them to the public, and establish rules of use and safe access solutions
- Review of PLC site walk J. Beck – She felt that PLC may have lost interest when public access to properties was brought up.
- WCC meeting night B. Hunter – WCC meeting too often interrupted by members needing to speak to the Select Board; can we find a non-conflicting meeting time that suits everyone? 1st Tuesday tentatively sounds possible. Tabled until next month to hear from A. Preston and (recorder) J. Vinton.
- B. Hunter reported he and (DPW head) J. Lavacchia had discussed removal of a dead tree on the Flat and agreed it was Ok for the DPW to do so.

Miscellaneous:

- Souhegan River Local Advisory Cmte: B. Mahar – (no report).

Adjournment

- A motion to adjourn was moved, seconded and passed. Chairman B. Hunter ***adjourned*** the meeting ***at 8:57 pm***

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey R. Stone, Acting Recorder