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11 Minutes of Monthly Meeting

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14 The Wilton Conservation Commission held its **regular monthly meeting on Monday, June 11, 2018,**
15 **at 7:00 pm** in the Fire Station Training Room.

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17 **Call to Order:** Chairman Bart Hunter called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

18 Those attending were:

- 19 • Members: Bart Hunter, Chairman, Jeff Stone, Jennifer Beck, Alan Preston, Joe Broyles,
20 William Mahar, and Les Tallarico.
- 21 • Guests: Sandra LaFleur.

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23 **Old Business:**

- 24 • **Minutes:** Review of the minutes for April 24, 2018 Special Meeting were discussed during
25 our last month's meeting. A motion was made by J. Stone and seconded by W. Mahar to
26 approve these minutes. **The motion passed.** Review of the May 14, 2018 was discussed. B.
27 Hunter noted that LCHIP should be all in capital letters. Motion made by W. Mahar and
28 seconded by J. Beck to approve May minutes as amended. **Motion passed.**
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30 • **Budget & Expenditures:** B. Hunter indicated that with the confusion ending in the other
31 office, it was determined through discussion that the Conservation Commission should have
32 three separate accounts: a regular budget account, an operating account, which includes
33 monies from the change of use tax, which can only be used for land acquisition; and another
34 account for all other monies, not limited to donations, LCHIP money, etc. which does not lapse.
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36 B. Hunter indicated that he has spoken to K. Williams about working on getting these accounts
37 open, and to make sure all monies due to the Conservation Commission is returned to these
38 accounts.
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40 • **ZBA:** J. Stone indicated they will be meeting tomorrow regarding three cases. The first is the
41 Brookside Mobile lot. Their signs are out of compliance and they want to bring them into
42 compliance. The two other are for accessory dwelling units. One is about an application that
43 is going to be reheard and the second is about putting one in an existing garage. There was
44 no Conservation Commission interest.
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46 • **Planning Board:** B. Hunter indicated that Sam Proctor wants to put a housing development
47 on a cul-de-sac on Abbot Hill which abuts to the cemetery.
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- 49 • **Frog Pond:** J. Stone indicated that there was nothing new to report. He did reiterate that the
50 north end bridge rails still need to be fixed. There was some discussion and B. Hunter
51 indicated that will take care of the materials. A. Preston indicated he would check with Jim at
52 the Town Barn for some of the materials.
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- 54 • **Photo Contest:** J. Beck indicated that she put up more flyers and made some posters which
55 she also placed around town. She indicated she has done all she can do at this time, but still
56 has no submissions at this time.
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- 58 • **Forest Management:** B. Mahar indicated there were three new cuts taking place.
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- 60 • **Wildlife Sightings:** Several on the Commission indicated that they have seen a black bears,
61 a fawn, foxes and turkeys.
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- 63 • **Property (LCHIP) monitoring Carnival Hill:** B. Hunter indicated that they are still working
64 with Four Corners Farm. There is a meeting tomorrow with George and Paula from LCHIP, the
65 Heritage Commission, K. Williams and himself. He indicated that he has put together a spread
66 sheet showing what has to be fixed, a start date, expected costs and completion date. There
67 will be a second sheet which will have more detail. B. Hunter indicated he will discuss this with
68 the group and see how they feel about this and what other suggestions can be made. When
69 things are settle down B. Hunter indicated he will sit down with Jacob and fill out the forms so
70 that they will know what they are supposed to do and LCHIP will know what they are actually
71 doing. The repairs have to be done as described in the contract with LCHIP. B. Hunter also
72 indicated that they will meet again after a few weeks' time.
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74 **New Business:**

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- 76 • **Community Garden Well:** Sandy LaFleur, co-coordinator for the gardens, indicated that the
77 well at the community garden needs to be fixed. She indicated her husband, Tom and Tom
78 Belt, have pumped the well, which is a loose rock wall well, several times to clean it out, but it
79 still does not stay clean. She indicated that they use this well to water the gardens. They
80 would like to fix the well. She said to use good water T. Belt installed a large tank with piping
81 going down the hill and plumbed to a spigot. She indicated that they were having a problem
82 with priming, and the foot valve was getting fouled up. When T. Belt investigated he found that
83 animals were getting down in there. She had spoken to Wetherbee and he indicated this might
84 be the issue. Wetherbee indicated that if the loose rock was sealed then animals would not be
85 able to get into the water. She indicated that she had a discussion with B. Hunter at the
86 garden and discussed the idea of fixing the well. She said Tom Belt had gotten some quotes.
87 She indicated that what they were thinking is if the Town has people that it deals with that buys
88 ceramic well tiles or masonry products that would be cheaper. She also thought that if it was
89 possible for the Town DPW to do the work what it would cost.
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- 91 • Discussion was had regarding the options for the well. B. Hunter asked S. LaFleur to get
92 estimates and breakdowns on what they would need. He also suggested that she speak to J.
93 Lavacchia at DPW to see if they have any leftover materials she can use.
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95 It was suggested that she get everything together and we will call a special meeting to vote on
96 the issue of the monies.
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- 98 • **Community Garden Tree Removal:** B. Hunter indicated that Lynne Stone had asked if we
99 can cut down some trees because they have grown so tall they are shading the garden. B.
100 Hunter indicated they had gotten a quote from Souhegan Valley Tree Service. There is a
101 liability issue and that is why we got a quote. J. Lavaccia was not interested in helping out. A
102 motion was made by J. Beck and seconded by J. Broyles to approve \$700 from LCHIP money
103 to pay for cutting down the trees. **The motion passed.**
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- 105 • **Horse Shoe Update:** J. Beck indicated that she had spoken with Sam Proctor at length. He
106 indicated that he is willing to sell the property for \$300,000.00 down from \$330,000. S. Proctor
107 talked about the history regarding the property and who the investors are. J. Beck indicated
108 that she would like to do an LCHIP grant next year for this property. S. Proctor had spoken to
109 J. Beck again, and she had indicated that the Commission would find the funding sources for
110 this purchase. J. Beck also indicated that this would have to be a warrant article next year. J.
111 Beck indicated that Ian now has his own consulting company, Farm Land Consulting LLC. Any
112 work we ask of Ian will now entail a service fee.
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- 114 • **Signs, Kiosk, and Gate Frog Pond and Carnival Hill:** J. Stone and A. Preston indicated
115 they would work together with B. Hunter to get an idea where to place the signs, kiosks and
116 gate.
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- 118 • **Website:** J. Stone indicated that when he checked the website page, he found all of the 2017
119 minutes were missing. He also noted that there was some activity on the page by people other
120 than himself.
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122 **Miscellaneous:**
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- 124 • **Souhegan River Local Advisory Committee (SoRLAC):** B. Mahar indicated that a couple
125 of weeks ago the elementary children from Florence Rideout Elementary School had stocked
126 the river with 250 salmon fry. He also indicated that there are now signs posted on the River
127 not to eat the fish due to pollution.
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- 129 • **Resignation:** J. Broyles addressed the Commission. He announced due to personal and
130 health reasons he is regretfully handing in his resignation from the Commission. A motion was
131 made by B. Hunter and seconded by _____ to accept J. Broyles' resignation reluctantly.
132 **The motion passed.**
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134 **Adjournment:**
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- 136 • A motion to adjourn was moved, seconded by J. Beck and B. Mahar. **The motion passed.** B.
137 Hunter **adjourned the meeting at 9:12 pm.**
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139 Respectfully submitted,

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141 Jeanette Vinton, WCC Recorder
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