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12 Minutes of Monthly Meeting

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14 The Wilton Conservation Commission held its **regular monthly meeting on Monday, April 9, 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 7:02pm.

18 Those attending were:

- 19 • Members: Bart Hunter, Chairman, Jeff Stone, Jennifer Beck, Alan Preston, and William Mahar.  
20 • Guests: Andrew Finlayson and Dodie Finlayson

21 **Old Business:**

- 22 • Minutes: Review **of the minutes** for January 8, 2018. The following changes were made:  
23 Line 55 should read “will have costs in development”; Line 70 and 73, name change to “Chris  
24 Balch”. Motion made by J. Beck and Seconded by A. Preston to approve January minutes as  
25 amended. **Motion passed.** Review and approve the January 8, 2018, February 12, 2018 and March  
26 12, 2018  
27 Review of February 12, 2018 minutes. Motion by B. Mahar and seconded by A. Preston to approve  
28 February minutes. **Motion passed.**  
29 Review of March 12, 2018 minutes. Motion by J. Beck and seconded by J. Stone. **Motion passed** with  
30 one abstention.  
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32 • Budget & Expenditures: B. Hunter nothing new to report. With change in the Select Board, no  
33 reports produced.  
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35 • ZBA: J. Stone indicated he had not attended last month’s meeting. From the minutes he  
36 learned that a variance for a shed which would overlap into the now required setback. This was  
37 granted. J. Stone said there was no WCC interest in this application. J. Stone indicated at tomorrow's  
38 meeting has on application for an accessory apartment. Again, there is no WCC concern.  
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40 • Planning Board: B. Hunter indicated that the Planning Board was discussing the Housing  
41 Chapter of the Master Plan. He did indicate that they have established a committee to look at  
42 the downtown zoning. This committee has been funded. J. Beck indicated that a discussion  
43 should be had with her, NRPC and M. Decoteau.

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45 B. Hunter also indicated there was discussion about changing the grade of driveways. This  
46 was being brought to their attention by the Fire Dept. Further discussion was had by the  
47 committee.

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49 • Frog Pond: J. Stone indicated that there was nothing new to report. He did reiterate about the  
50 rotting rail on the bridge that was mentioned in last month’s meeting. A. Preston indicated we

51 need to start to figure out where the new signs and kiosks are to be located. J. Stone indicated a good  
52 spot would be in the open space on Maple Street and the parking area on Whiting Hill Road.

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- 54 • **Forest Management:** B. Mahar indicated there was nothing new to report due to the upheaval  
55 in the office.
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- 57 • **Wildlife Sightings:** Several on the Commission, indicated that they have seen deer, turkey  
58 vultures, blue birds, robins, red bellies, and red wing black birds.
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- 60 • **Property (LCHIP) monitoring:** B. Hunter indicated that we need to start setting up a schedule to  
61 do LCHIP monitoring. A. Preston indicated he would like to start in September. B. Hunter also  
62 indicated that he would like to set up a site walk on Four Corner Farm with Stanley, Kermit,  
63 Jacob and himself. A. Preston indicated that he believes Stanley Young as started with some  
64 of the repairs.

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#### 66 **New Business:**

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- 68 • **Outside Contractors** – B. Hunter indicated that we should start getting competitive bids on projects we  
69 have. This subject was brought up at the Town meeting regarding the reservoir and Frog Pond.  
70 Discussion was had about getting a legal opinion and what the town is exempt from regarding putting  
71 out bids for work. J. Beck suggested we put in a request for documentation on how to process bids. It  
72 was her understanding that as long as you are not an elected official you do not have to do competitive  
73 bids. B. Hunter suggested we hold off until we have further information.
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- 75 • **ROST** – Regional Open Spaces Team – B. Hunter suggested we contact them again as part of  
76 the round table. If they are still discussing the same issues as in previous years we should pull  
77 together with others and create a Souhegan River Chapter.

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79 J. Beck indicated that there is a free talk on droughts at the Temple Town Hall on Wednesday at 6:30  
80 PM.

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- 82 • **SSF** - J. Beck gave us an overview of what is happening this weekend at the Fair. She  
83 indicated that Bob Larue, Vice Chairperson of Fish and Game; Mindy Mesmer, scientist for  
84 clean water, Jim Connel, Anti-pipeline, climate change, and Marge Shepardson, clean water  
85 and alternative water supplies.

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87 J. Beck also indicated that we will need good coverage at our booths during the fair. Please contact B.  
88 Hunter for times.

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- 90 • **Quinn Brothers** – J. Beck indicated you drafted a letter regarding our opinion on this project. She  
91 indicated that we should be sending this to the Select Board, Planning Board and Water Commission.  
92 She also indicated that the case was pushed to April 18<sup>th</sup> at the planning board. She also indicated that  
93 she was unaware if the DES has ruled on this yet and that the Water Commission voted against this use.  
94 Discussion was continued on the subject regarding chemical use on the wash and the amount of the  
95 water needed. A. Preston was curious is they are reclaiming the land or just cleaning it up.

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97 B. Hunter indicated that they were supposed to be using a form of lime, the kind used in gold mining, to  
98 do the wash. This is supposed not be hazardous to the water supply. Andrew Finalyson questioned if  
99 there is an accident would it effect the water aquifer that the retention ponds are sitting on top of. B.  
100 Hunter indicated that if there was a spill and it got into the brook, it would be sucked up into the  
101 retention pond and then go to the aquifer. This is more of concern then Souhegan River as the aquifer  
102 is Wilton's drinking water source.

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104 Dodie Finlayson indicated she was looking for information on the best practices for reclamation. B.  
105 Hunter indicated she should talk to Dawn Tuomala. A. Preston was worried that there would not be  
106 enough material left to do a proper reclamation of the property.  
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108 J. Beck handed out the draft letter that would be submitted to the appropriate boards. A few additions  
109 were made. A motion was then made by B. Mahar and seconded by A. Preston to approve the letter.  
110 The **motion passed**.  
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112 A draft of this letter was given to Dodie Finlayson.  
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114 **Miscellaneous:**  
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- 116 • Souhegan River Local Advisory Committee (SoRLAC): B. Mahar indicated he had not  
117 attended the meeting. He indicated there is some work being done by a development close to  
118 the river in Merrimack.  
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120 **Adjournment:**  
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- 122 • A motion to adjourn was moved, seconded by J. Beck and B. Mahar. **The motion passed.** B.  
123 Hunter **adjourned the meeting at 8:35 pm.**  
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125 Respectfully submitted,  
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127 Jeanette Vinton, WCC Recorder  
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