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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, March 12,**  
15 **2018, at 7:00 pm** in the Fire Station Technical Room.

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17 **Call to Order:** Chairman Bart Hunter called the meeting to order at 7:023pm.

18 Those attending were:

- 19 • Members: Bart Hunter, Chairman, Jeff Stone, Jennifer Beck, and William Mahar.
- 20 • Guests: Justin Cain, and Sandy LaFleur

21 **Old Business:**

- 22 • Minutes: Review **of the minutes** was tabled until the next meeting in April.
- 23 • Budget & Expenditures: B. Hunter asked J.Vinton to get the numbers from C. Martin for the  
24 2017 budget year and the 2018 budget years.
- 25 • ZBA: J. Stone indicated there was no meeting in February. However, he did mention that he  
26 mispoke last month. There was a 2<sup>nd</sup> hearing for the applicant who wanted to move his home  
27 business to an out building so he could comply with federal law. This application was passed  
28 and granted.
- 29 • Planning Board: Discussion was continued regarding the Quinn Brothers request for a wash  
30 plant. J. Beck indicated her understanding after attending the Planning Board meeting on  
31 February 21st that the Planning Board and Water Commission had concerns about the Quinn  
32 Brothers application.
- 33 • J. Beck asked if we could take a more direct position on this by writing a letter. B. Hunter  
34 suggested we put this on hold until next month when we know the exact facts from the other  
35 boards and commissions. A motion was made by J. Beck and seconded by W. Mahar to have  
36 the Conservation Commission to take a position against the washing plant and the use of  
37 Blood Brook for the Quinn Brothers, and that this Commission write a letter saying we are  
38 against the use of the Brook for that issue. After more in-depth discussion J. Beck withdrew  
39 her motion. A new motion was by J. Beck and seconded by W. Mahar to call a special meeting  
40 in two weeks after obtaining more information, where a letter will then be written and voted on  
41 before bringing it to the Selectmen. The **motion passed**.
- 42 • Frog Pond: J. Stone indicated that there is nothing of interest to report. He did notice scorch  
43 marks in the snow which he believes is from A. Preston burning brush. He also indicated that  
44 one of the rails on the motor bridge by the north entrance needs to be repaired.
- 45 • Forest Management: W. Mahar indicated there are two new changes: There is one new timber  
46 request for C-125, 25 Lorden Road Realty; current use for San-Ken Homes, Inc (D-039 & 40),  
47 Duplease & Sons (C-101-01), and GEO Institute (H-053-02).
- 48 • Wildlife Sightings: Several on the Commission, indicated that they have seen deer ticks, red  
49 winged black birds, robins, red bellied woodpecker and baby possums.

- 50 • Property (LCHIP) monitoring:

51 **New Business:**

- 52 • **ROST** – B. Hunter indicated we will discuss this at our next meeting.
- 53 • **SSF** - J. Beck introduced our guests Justin Cain, the new Industrial Arts teacher at WLC and  
54 Sandy LaFleur the Chairperson of SSF. J. Cain indicated how he got involved with the fair. He  
55 would like to bring in forestry and agriculture to his students. His main goal is to retain the kids  
56 in the town instead of moving away from Wilton. He indicated that in 2004 there was an *adopt*  
57 *an apple tree* program at Carnival Hill. J. Cain said he was not sure where this program is at  
58 right now, but he would like to adopt three or four apple trees for his middle and high school  
59 students. He wants the students to get involved by having field trips, and eventually trying to  
60 graft heirloom apples and collecting genetic materials from these trees. B. Hunter indicated  
61 that he was not sure if these were the same trees J. Cain was talking about, but J. Stone  
62 believed they were.
- 63 • The second item that J. Cain wanted to discuss was regarding the Cornell University study that  
64 was done by having citizens and students collect data on birds and other ecology in the area.  
65 Based on this study, he will have his students collect their own data, and then build nesting  
66 boxes to correlate with their findings. J. Cain asked if the Commission could help with  
67 identifying sources of funding so he could purchase the materials for his students to build the  
68 nesting boxes. J. Cain said the District purchases the wood now from the box stores, but J.  
69 Cain would like to use a local lumber company (Wilkins). He indicated that his students can  
70 build 45 nesting boxes that could then be sold at Wilton events or hung in conservation areas.  
71 J. Cain indicated that it would be approximately \$3.30 per box.
- 72 • B. Hunter indicated he would look into providing a grant from the Commission's LCHIP money.  
73 We would have to talk to the Town attorney regarding this. In the meantime, B. Hunter  
74 suggested that J. Cain put together a proposal and present it to us at our next meeting so we  
75 can take a vote on it. Sandy LaFleur suggested that J. Cain get some of the students to help  
76 out with the presentation.
- 77 • J. Cain's third question was to see if the Commission can help him obtain some of the NRPC  
78 maps that show the wildlife areas, conservation areas, etc., for him to hang in his classrooms.  
79 J. Cain indicated that he is trying to get the greenhouses going again. He suggested he  
80 wanted to get the other teachers involved too. B. Hunter indicated that he would help with  
81 getting the maps to him.
- 82 • S. LaFleur and B. Hunter thanked J. Cain for his time.
- 83 • S. LaFleur gave the Commission an update on the Fair. She indicated they have a full exhibit  
84 hall, the farmers market is now in the main corridor, they have a full slate of presenters and  
85 there are a lot more workshops than last year. She also indicated that Wilton House of Pizza,  
86 Oliver's Restaurant and Gary's Harvest will be catering the affair. She also indicated that the  
87 Milford Conservation Commission would like some space. B. Hunter indicated that they could  
88 share our table. S. LaFleur is amazed at the ripple effect this fair is having.
- 89 • S. LaFleur gave a short history on how the SSF came about, and is just amazed at the support  
90 they are getting for this Fair. J. Beck indicated that she spoke to Selectman K. Williams, and  
91 indicated that this just might be the signature event that Wilton is looking for. Every year we  
92 can add to this Fair and incorporate other activities. The WCC is at the center of this. J. Beck  
93 also indicated that the Energy Commission can make a pitch and bring the public into the WLC  
94 School to see what is going on. This is an opportunity for town's people to see why they  
95 should support the Commission.
- 96 • S. LaFleur asked if we can help her put up posters and get the word out to the public. The  
97 Commission indicated that they would be delighted to help her.

- 98 • Before S. LaFleur left she wanted to thank J. Beck for all the work she has done. B. Hunter  
99 then thanked S. LaFleur for coming.
- 100 • **Trail Maps:** B. Hunter indicated that Kat should have something for us this coming week. He  
101 also indicated that NRPC is ready to work on this. B. Hunter said we can discuss this as well  
102 as Quinn Brothers at the special meeting in two weeks.
- 103 • **Spring Photo Contest:** J. Beck indicated that, with the SSF around the corner, we need to  
104 discuss whether we are going to have a spring photo contest. She said we would need to  
105 launch it at the fair for best visibility. A discussion was had on how to go about this contest,  
106 including but not limited to the theme, the categories, the prizes, and time limit. A motion was  
107 made by J. Beck and seconded by W. Mahar to move forward with “Spring in Wilton” Photo  
108 Contest. The details are as follows: Pictures taken from April 14<sup>th</sup> – June 21<sup>st</sup>; Prizes are \$25,  
109 \$50, and \$75, for each of the following age categories: 12 and under; 13 to 20; adults 21+ non-  
110 professionals; and Free for All to include but not limited to professionals and anyone who  
111 wants to enter in this category (no age limit)(totaling \$600 for all four age categories).  
112 Eligibility for a category will be based on the applicant’s age as of April 14, 2018. The **motion**  
113 **passed.**
- 114 **Miscellaneous:**
- 115 • Souhegan River Local Advisory Committee (SoRLAC): B. Mahar indicated there is nothing  
116 new going on.
- 117 **Adjournment:**
- 118 • A motion to adjourn was moved, seconded by J. Stone and J. Beck. **The motion passed.** B.  
119 Hunter **adjourned the meeting at 8:55 pm.**

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121 Respectfully submitted,

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123 Jeanette Vinton, WCC Recorder

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