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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, February 12,**
15 **2018, 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, Alan Preston, Jeff Stone, Jennifer Beck, Joseph Broyles,
20 William Mahar, and Les Tallarico.

21 **Old Business:**

- 22 • Minutes: Review **of the minutes** of the January 8, 2018 meeting. The following changes
23 were made to the minutes. Line 22 to 24 were added. Line 90 and 91 should read “over 10 acres is
24 under the jurisdiction of the Marine Patrol Unit.” It was recommended to use the first initial and last
25 name to reference those that are speaking in all minutes going forward. It was moved & seconded
26 by J. Beck and J. Broyles to table the acceptance of the minutes till next meeting. **The motion**
27 **passed.**
- 28 • Budget & Expenditures: for 2018: B. Hunter asked C. Martin for the 2017 Budget numbers, but still has
29 not received them. He also indicated that this years’ budget is the same as last years. A. Preston
30 indicated that he has purchased the signage and paint.
- 31 • ZBA: J. Stone indicated there was no meeting last month.
- 32 • Planning Board: B. Hunter indicated that they had a discussion regarding the Quinn Brothers. He also
33 indicated they are still working on the chapters of the master plan. J. Beck asked about a discussion
34 about the 15 year lease being tied into the Energy Commission's request for a solar array. B. Hunter
35 indicated there was a small mention of it, but nothing came of it. B. Hunter indicated that there were
36 items on the plot plan that had to be adjusted.
- 37 • Frog Pond: J. Stone there is no report as he had not visited the area yet for February.
- 38 • Forest Management: B. Mahar indicated there are no new current use items. There is one new timber
39 request for A-047-07, David and Elizabeth Deysler.
- 40 • Wildlife Sightings: L. Tallarico indicated he has seen turkeys, a fox, three deer during January into
41 February; J. Beck indicated that she saw three female pheasants, and her first chipmunk of the season;
42 A. Preston saw a fisher cat.
- 43 • B. Mahar mentioned the beaver protection bill that is moving through the State House. A small
44 discussion was had on this item.
- 45 • Property (LCHIP) monitoring: Carnival Hill – A. Preston said he and Stan Young went up to Four Corner
46 Farm to check on the status of the repairs. He indicated he saw that some work has been done on the
47 casings. B. Hunter indicated that C. Martin had sent the Heritage Committee a check and that they are
48 supposed to be meeting shortly with all the stakeholders. He was unsure what would happen.

49 **New Business:**

- 50 • Update on Reservoir project and warrant article request: A. Preston indicated that after a lengthy dis-
51 cussion there are no restrictions on the property at the reservoir. A. Preston also indicated that DES

52 has no recorded restrictions either for the reservoir. He also indicated that if any restrictions are going
53 to be put on to this property it would have to go through a petition warrant signed by at minimum 25 re-
54 gistered voters or regular warrant article. If this is done then at least we will be able to manage the
55 property as opposed to it being a free for all.
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57 Further discussion was had about fixing the dam. A. Preston indicated that they just got the dam report
58 back from the State. If we breach the dam and drain the pond, it will save a lot of problems with this
59 property. If we decide to fix the dam, then we would need new ordinances so this property can be re-
60 stricted.

- 61 • SSF discussion: J. Beck indicated the fair will be on April 14th at the High School. She indicated that
62 she has a high school volunteer from High Mowing that will be doing a walking tour of Frye Field. There
63 is a new set up on how people are brought into the fair. Our booth will be the first one to be seen by the
64 public. J. Beck suggested that we have brochures, trail maps and guide to give out. J. Beck indicated
65 that set up is going to be from 8 to 9:45 pm and some will be done on Friday. She indicated that all the
66 exhibitors, presenters and workshops are confirmed and is just waiting for some materials from some.
67 J. Beck briefly went through the schedule of events and explained what would be happening. She also
68 mentioned that at the round table they were hoping to have some State Representatives there that can
69 answer questions from the public. J. Beck asked for someone to contact the other surrounding towns
70 to see if they would join us for the round table and supply any type of trail maps or guides they may
71 have. B. Mahar indicated he would do that for her. J. Beck is hoping that we can get people who would
72 not ordinarily come to this type of event to come and bring others with them. This is still a family event
73 and she is hoping to attract all. J. Beck also indicated that there will be more wildlife presentations and
74 workshops available this year.

75 **Miscellaneous:**

- 76 • Souhegan River Local Advisory Committee (SoRLAC): B. Mahar indicated there is nothing new going
77 on. There is a project at the Merrimack DPW to reconfigure their storage yard and at the Milford BP
78 where they are taking out the old gas tanks and putting in new ones.

79 **Adjournment:**

- 80 • A motion to adjourn was moved, seconded by J. Beck and J. Broyles. **The motion passed.**
81 B. Hunter **adjourned the meeting at 8:34 pm.**

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83 Respectfully submitted,

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85 Jeanette Vinton, WCC Recorder
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