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10 Minutes of Monthly Meeting

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13 The Wilton Conservation Commission held its regular monthly meeting on Monday, December 10
14 2018, at 7:00 pm in the Fire Station Training Room.

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16 **Call to Order:** Chairman Bart Hunter called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

17 Those attending were:

- 18 • Members: Bart Hunter, Chairman, Jeff Stone, Alan Preston, William Mahar, Les Tallarico, and
19 Jennifer Beck.
- 20 • Guests: Adam Royds, potential member

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22 **Old Business:**

- 23 • **Minutes:** Review of the minutes for our last month's meeting on November 12 2018. A motion
24 was made by J. Beck and seconced by W. Mahar to approve the minutes. **The motion**
25 **passed.**

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27 Adam Royds introduced himself to the Commission. B. Hunter and J. Beck explained several
28 of the items and activities that the Commission is working on.

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30 • **Planning Board:** B. Hunter indicated that the Board is still working on the project introduced
31 by Sam Proctor on Abbott Hill and indicated there is a public hearing coming up soon.
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33 • **Frog Pond:** J. Stone indicated that it looks good. He indicated it was cleaner than normal
34 and did not see anyone up there at the time of his visit.
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36 • **Forest Management:** B. Mahar indicated there is one new timber cut on Lot E-45 for the
37 Society of Protection for NH Forests. B. Hunter indicated this is conservation land and the cut
38 is for maintenance of the forest to bring back the rabbit population. They are trying to bring
39 more light into the forest to help mountain laurel, which is great for establishing rabbit habitats.
40 B. Hunter indicated there is going to be a site walk to show the SPFNH is doing.
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42 • **Wildlife Sightings:** J. Beck saw a flock of evening grosbeaks in her back yard. Other wildlife
43 seen was a possum, several turkeys and fisher cats.

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45 **New Business:**

- 46 • **Horseshoe update:** J. Beck indicated that she had hiked into Horseshoe falls. Her intentions
47 is to go the Selectboard meeting on the 17th of December and ask them for a vote on the 3
48 scenarios. She indicated that S. Proctor is prepared to give the Town the right of first refusal to
49 buy the property. J. Beck said she talked to PLC. PLC indicated they are not sure if they

50 would take the easement. J. Beck indicated that all said and done, to buy the property would
51 be about \$375,000. Discuss was had on how to use the property. She indicated that she
52 would not be going forward until next year, but in the meantime once the Selectboard has
53 voted on the scenerios, we can move forward with fund raising. The monies collected would
54 be tax deductible. She also indicated that she would go to LChip in May or June. She also
55 indicated that if all fails, the money can be returned to those who donated.
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57 A motion was made by B. Hunter and seconded by J. Stone, to give J. Beck permission to go
58 before the Selectboard and ask for a vote on the three scenerious. **The motion passed.**
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- 60 • **SSF:** J. Beck indicated that the fair will be on May 4th. She indicated that it will the be same
61 set up as last year. She indicated that we are sponsoring at a higher rate. She said that we
62 would be pulling the pool of presentors and speakers to sponsor the Library Series. She
63 indicated this would help make the attendance to each workshop better as there will not be an
64 overlap of workshops being presentated at the same time.
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- 66 • **Library Lecture Series/Town Hall Film Series:** B. Hunter indicated that Sandy LeFluer wants
67 to doa film series through the SSF. He indicated that they have done a number of educational
68 films on Sunday afternoon. B. Hunter als Jo indicated that they would like to do a series on
69 GMO's around February 8th. S. LaFleur would then go into March on the subject of food waste.
70 He indicated they can use the list of presenters from the SSF and have they speak on a Friday
71 night on the subject relating to the film on Sunday.
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- 73 • **Topics for NHACC Board Meeting Dec 13:** J. Beck was asked to sit on the Board of NHACC.
74 She is asking the Commission for any topics they would like to bring forward with this
75 organization. Discussion was had on this and options were left open.
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- 77 • **Inventory of riverwalk invasive plants and native species** – A site walk is being done to see
78 what plants are along the riverbank at this time. A discussion will be had after the site walk to
79 determine what plants etc will be used by the river as well as downtown.
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- 81 • **WCC Plan review and update:** J. Beck asked that everyone take a look at the master plan for
82 the WCC and see if we can opertionalize it. She indicated it was written by the NRPC, and
83 they gave recommendations on what they can do. J. Beck would like to update this plan and
84 make it operational. In the plan it discusses taking care of the properties in Town. A. Preston
85 asked if we were going to be responsible for all the properties not just the ones assigned to the
86 Commission. B. Hunter indicated this is why discussion is needed and then to go to the
87 Selectboard and discuss all those properties that are not being looked after. If a property has
88 a conservation easement, then it should be under the Conservation Commissions perview.
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90 Discussion was had on the best management policy for the forests and lands. It was
91 suggested a list of all the properties in inventory be looked at on rotation, and a determination
92 should be made based on the following:

- 93 1. conservation and easements for town properties with water ways;
- 94 2. property management for cutting and mowing
- 95 3. leave alone and monitor
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- 97 • **Kiosks and trail work:** B. Hunter indicated we need to get these done before the ground
98 freezes or we are snowed out. A. Preston indicated that the trails, and right-of-ways are done.

99 The only work left is to take down on tree at Frog Pond, and to fix the bridge. A discussion
100 was had on the time and materials needed. A motion was made by J. Beck and seconded by
101 B. Hunter to reimburse A. Preston in the amount of \$150.00 for time and materials for the
102 brush maintenance of the community garden. **The motion passed.**
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104 Discussion was had regarding the DES dam and bridge maintenance. A motion was made by
105 J. Beck and seconded by B. Hunter to spend \$1000.00 by the end of the year to do this
106 maintenance. **The motion passed.**
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108 **Old Business:**

- 109 • **Sorlac:** B. Mahar indicated there was not meeting.
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111 **Adjournment:**

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113 • A motion to adjourn was moved, seconded by It wm and . **The motion passed.** B. Hunter
114 **adjourned the meeting at 8:52 pm.**
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116 Respectfully submitted,
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118 Jeanette Vinton, WCC Recorder
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