

1 **Wilton Conservation Commission**

2 P.O. Box 83, Wilton Town Hall, Wilton, NH 03086

3 <http://www.ci.wilton.nh.us/>

4 W. Bart Hunter, Chair – 603.654.9288 – [barthunter@tellink.net](mailto:barthunter@tellink.net)

5 William G. Mahar – 603.654.3512 – [wmahar@tds.net](mailto:wmahar@tds.net)

6 H. Alan Preston – 603.654.9557 – [preskee@tellink.net](mailto:preskee@tellink.net)

7 Jeffrey Stone – 603.654.2994 – [wccjeff@jrs.jetemail.net](mailto:wccjeff@jrs.jetemail.net)

8 Jennifer S. Beck – 603.654.5526 – [jenniferscottbeck@gmail.com](mailto:jenniferscottbeck@gmail.com)

9 Leslie P. Tallarico, Alternate

10 Minutes of Monthly Meeting

11  
12  
13 The Wilton Conservation Commission held its regular monthly meeting on Monday, December 10 2018,  
14 at 7:00 pm in the Fire Station Training Room.

15  
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

21  
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 seconded by W. Mahar to approve the minutes. **The motion**  
25 **passed.**
- 26  
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.
- 29  
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.
- 32  
33 • **Frog Pond:** J. Stone indicated that the area looks good. He indicated it was cleaner than  
34 normal and did not see anyone up there at the time of his visit.
- 35  
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.
- 41  
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.

44  
45 **New Business:**

- 46 • **Horseshoe update:** J. Beck indicated that she had hiked into Horseshoe Falls. Her intentions  
47 is to go the Select board meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup> 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. Discussion 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 Select board has  
53 voted on the scenarios, 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.

56  
57 A motion was made by B. Hunter and seconded by J. Stone, to give J. Beck permission  
58 to go before the Select board and ask for a vote on the three scenarios. **The motion**  
59 **passed.**

- 60  
61 • **SSF:** J. Beck indicated that the fair will be on May 4<sup>th</sup>. She indicated that it will be the same  
62 set up as last year. She indicated that we are sponsoring at a higher rate. She said that we  
63 would be pulling the pool of presenters and speakers [jrs: what does this mean? to sponsor the  
64 Library Series. She indicated this would help make the attendance to each workshop better as  
65 there will not be an overlap of workshops being presented at the same time.
- 66  
67 • **Library Lecture Series/Town Hall Film Series:** B. Hunter indicated that Sandy LeFleur wants  
68 to do a film series through the SSF. He indicated that they have done a number of educational  
69 films on Sunday afternoon. B. Hunter also indicated that they would like to do a series on  
70 GMO's around February 8<sup>th</sup>. S. LaFleur would then go into March on the subject of food  
71 waste. He indicated they can use the list of presenters from the SSF and have them speak on  
72 a Friday night on the subject relating to the film on Sunday.
- 73  
74 • **Topics for NHACC Board Meeting Dec 13:** J. Beck was asked to sit on the Board of NHACC.  
75 She is asking the Commission for any topics they would like to bring forward with this  
76 organization. Discussion was had on this and options were left open.
- 77  
78 • **Inventory of Riverwalk invasive plants and native species** – A site walk is being done to  
79 see what plants are along the riverbank at this time. A discussion will be had after the site walk  
80 to determine what plants etc. will be used by the river as well as downtown.
- 81  
82 • **WCC Plan review and update:** J. Beck asked that everyone take a look at the master plan for  
83 the WCC and see if we can operationalize it. She indicated it was written by the NRPC, and  
84 they gave recommendations on what they can do. J. Beck would like to update this plan and  
85 make it operational. In the plan it discusses taking care of the properties in Town. A. Preston  
86 asked if we were going to be responsible for all the properties not just the ones assigned to the  
87 Commission. B. Hunter indicated this is why discussion is needed and then to go to the Select  
88 board and discuss all those properties that are not being looked after. If a property has a  
89 conservation easement, then it should be under the Conservation Commissions purview.

90  
91 Discussion was had on the best management policy for the forests and lands. It was  
92 suggested a list of all the properties in inventory be looked at on rotation, and a  
93 determination should be made based on the following:

- 94 1. conservation and easements for town properties with water ways;  
95 2. property management for cutting and mowing  
96 3. leave alone and monitor

- 97  
98 • **Kiosks and trail work:** B. Hunter indicated we need to get these done before the ground  
99 freezes or we are snowed out. A. Preston indicated that the trails, and right-of-ways are done.

100 The only work left is to take down on tree at Frog Pond, and to fix the bridge. A discussion  
101 was had on the time and materials needed. A motion was made by J. Beck and seconded by  
102 B. Hunter to reimburse A. Preston in the amount of \$150.00 for time and materials for the  
103 brush maintenance of the community garden. **The motion passed.**  
104

105 Discussion was had regarding the DES Frog Pond dam and bridge maintenance. A motion was  
106 made by J. Beck and seconded by B. Hunter to spend \$1000.00 by the end of the year to do  
107 this maintenance. **The motion passed.**  
108

109 **Old Business:**

- 110 • **Sorlac:** B. Mahar indicated there was no meeting.  
111

112 **Adjournment:**

- 113  
114 • A motion to adjourn was made by L. Tallarico and seconded by W. Mahar. **The motion**  
115 **passed.** B. Hunter **adjourned the meeting at 8:52 pm.**  
116

117 Respectfully submitted,  
118

119 Jeanette Vinton, WCC Recorder  
120

121 APPROVED: 01/14/2019  
122  
123