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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, January 14, 2019,  
14 at 7:00 pm in the Fire Station Training Room.

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16 **Call to Order:** Jeff Stone, acting Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

17 Those attending were:

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

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22 **Old Business:**

- 23 • **Minutes:** Review the minutes for our last month's meeting on December 10, 2018. Following  
24 correction was noted: Line 105 add Frog Pond Dam after DES. A motion was made by  
25 Jennifer Beck and seconded by A. Preston to approve the minutes as amended. **The motion**  
26 **passed.**

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28 • **Budget and Expenditures:** - B Hunter indicated through email that he had no new items  
29 regarding the budget for 2019.

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31 Sandy LaFleur submitted an invoice in the amount of \$275 for reimbursement for the rental of  
32 the film "Resilience", that will be showing at the library in February as part of the lecture series  
33 being put on by the SSF during the year.

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35 A lengthy discussion was had regarding the appropriations and expenditures of monies  
36 received by the town for the Commission. A. Preston made a motion which was seconded by  
37 J. Beck to maintain an unofficial accounting of monies to and from the Commission. These  
38 records will be kept by J. Vinton, Clerk of the Commission. **The motion passed.**

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40 • **Planning Board:** B. Hunter was not present.
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42 • **ZBA:** J. Stone indicated that Habitat for Humanity came in front of the Board for special  
43 exceptions and variances in order to build on the lot. He also indicated they were all approved.
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45 • **Frog Pond:** J. Stone indicated he did a walk through and took some pictures of the alignment  
46 of the upstream dam face for future reference. He also thanked A. Preston for clearing the  
47 brush.
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- 49 • **Lecture Series:** B. Hunter sent in an email indicated that he has received four positive replies  
50 from lecturers. He also indicated that he contacted P. Fickett at the library to set up days and  
51 times for these lectures. He indicated the lectures will be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month  
52 at the library at 7:00 PM.

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54 J. Beck asked the Commission for ideas and topics for the lecture series. Some ideas  
55 suggested were perma culture, pfoa's and what it means to be "sustaining you".

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57 • **Forest Management:** W. Mahar indicated there are a few more forest cuttings. However, we  
58 have no update on current use.  
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60 • **Wildlife Sightings:** Several members indicated they have seen numerous turkeys, blue birds,  
61 a downy woodpecker, and several pairs of cardinals, evening grosbeaks, a red tail hawk, two  
62 bob cats and a baby fox. A. Preston indicated that he had to help catch a weasel in a house.  
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#### 64 **New Business:**

- 65 • **Change of Meeting Date:** A discussion was had on moving the date and place of our  
66 meetings as the Fire Dept. will be holding numerous classes there. It was determined that the  
67 first Tuesday of the month worked for everyone. A motion was made by J. Beck and seconded  
68 by J. Stone to move our meeting to the first Tuesday of each month at the Town Hall starting  
69 with our February meeting. **The motion passed.**  
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71 • **NHACC and DES legislation:** J. Beck indicated this was her first Board meeting. Discussion  
72 was had regarding the permitting time table and efficiency of the issuance of permits for  
73 projects. This legislation was regarding conservation issues regarding wetlands and wildlife,  
74 however no conservation commissions were present. See attached letter and notes.  
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76 • **SSF planning:** S. Lafleur and J. Beck updated the Commission on all the work being done on  
77 the fair. S. Lafleur suggested that we make the booth eye catching to catch the attention of  
78 people. She thanked the Commission for all of our support. She also indicated that the fair is  
79 going to be all day on Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>. S. Lafleur also indicated that WS Packaging will print  
80 the brochures, program guides and flyers for us. She also indicated that she will be sending  
81 out a personal letter to the other towns inviting them to the Fair.  
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83 J. Beck and S. Lafleur said they would be leading a walk from WLC High School to Garwin  
84 Falls. They are hoping to get the Girls and Boys Club to supply their bus to shuttle people  
85 back. J. Beck indicated there were over 20 zip codes represented at last year's fair. She also  
86 indicated they have more monies for advertising. They both suggested that we go to  
87 [www.souhegansustainabilityfair.com](http://www.souhegansustainabilityfair.com) and view the video from last year.  
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89 Discussion was had about getting more trail guides for people to take away with them.

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91 • **Wilton Recycling Center:** S. Lafleur indicated that the recycling center needs help. She  
92 showed the Commission several pictures that showed trash build up along the perimeter. She  
93 is hoping to get citizens to put some elbow grease to clean up the area. She also would like to  
94 get some testing down on a blue substance that she saw on the side by the river. J. Beck  
95 indicated that with the hiring of a new director for recycling we should put together a proposal  
96 on what we would like to see. W. Mahar indicated he would bring this up at the next Sorlac  
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- **TOWN REPORT:** The submission for the Town Report was reviewed by the Commission. A motion was made by A. Preston and seconded by W. Mahar to approve them as written. **The motion passed with one abstention.**

- **Wilton Water Projects:** J. Beck indicated that the Select Board approved scenario 3. She indicated that they would have to sign the option by April 1<sup>st</sup> otherwise Sam Proctor said he would put the properties on the market. More discussion was had on what action should be taken.

J. Beck made a motion which was seconded by J. Stone to move forward on all three fronts: 1) get Select Board to sign the option before April; 2) contact the Sweeny's regarding Garwin Falls, and getting them into conservation land; and 3) options for the new Reservoir property to put into conservation and make parking for town residents only. **The motion passed.**

**Old Business:**

- **Sorlac:** W. Mahar indicated that Sorlac was entertaining to include Temple in the Souhegan water testing. He also indicated that DOT notified them that they will be working on resurfacing roads in Greenville and New Ipswich which has not effect on the river. W. Mahar also wanted to remind the Commission that the Watershed Conference will be on March 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Adjournment:**

- A motion to adjourn was made by L. Tallarico and seconded by W. Mahar. **The motion passed. J. Stone adjourned the meeting at 9:03 pm.**

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanette Vinton, WCC Recorder

APPROVED: XXXXXX