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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, March 5, 2019 at
14 7:00 pm in the Library History Room.

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16 **Call to Order:** Bart Hunter, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

17 Those attending were:

- 18 • Members: Bart Hunter, Jeff Stone, Alan Preston, William Mahar.
19 • Guests: Adam Royds, potential member; Bill Ryan, potential member, Peter Howd, potential
20 member.

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22 **Old Business:**

- 23 • **Minutes:** Reviewed the minutes for our last month's meeting, February 5, 2019. The following
24 change was made: Line 69- last name of "Lafleur" was misspelled. A motion was made by J.
25 Stone and seconded by W. Mahar to accept the minutes as amended. **The motion passed.**
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27 • **Budget and Expenditures:** B. indicated that he had followed up on the LCHIP funds with the new
28 auditors. The auditor indicated that she would make sure it was done properly.

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30 J. Stone passed around the letter he drafted requesting the transfer of funds from the Change of Use
31 Tax to our Land Acquisition Fund. It was signed by B. Hunter and given to J. Vinton to submit to the
32 Select Board.

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34 W. Mahar showed a letter that was received by Ms. Martin with a check for \$1200. J. Vinton was asked
35 to follow up on this.

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37 • **Planning Board:** B. Hunter indicated the Planning Board was discussing the Quinn Brothers property
38 and what is happening with the land. The minutes for the site walk were reviewed. B. Hunter indicated
39 the lease was ending and it was now up to the Town to determine if they were going to extend the lease
40 again.
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42 • **ZBA:** J. Stone indicated the meeting last month was cancelled due to the weather. He did indicated
43 there is a case before the board to grant a new variance to an owner that had a change in his plan.
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45 • **Frog Pond:** J. Stone indicated that he had walked the area and everything looked good. He
46 was unable to measure the seepage weir due to the snow and ice in the area.
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48 • **Forest Management:** W. Mahar indicated there is one no new timber cut on B-088, land
49 owned by the Rocca's on Old County Way which is off of Curtis Farm Road. .
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- 51 • **Wildlife Sightings:** It was mentioned that a herd of deer and a porcupine. It was also
52 mentioned the coyotes were out an about.

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54 • **Library Lecture Series:** B. Hunter indicated that this month's lecture is next Tuesday at 7:00
55 PM. The speaker is going to be State Forester Ethan Blair on forestry management.

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57 **New Business:**

- 58 • **Sweezy Letter** – A. Preston indicated he had completed the letter to the Sweezy's requesting
59 to have a conversation regarding Garwin Falls. He also indicated that they would use this
60 letter as a model for future prospects.
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62 • **Town Owned Properties:** B. Hunter indicated that the Commission wants to protect our
63 conservation land by putting easements on them. A. Preston indicated that he has gone to the
64 Milford Town Hall and was looking at the ordinances on they manage their town properties. He
65 suggested that if anyone was in the area of Peterborough, Merrimack or any other surrounding
66 town they should try to get a copy of their ordinances. He will then go through them with A.
67 Royds and draft a document to start the process of getting easements and ordinances for our
68 own town properties. He also indicated that at this time there are not conservation easements
69 on Frog Pond and the Reservoir. He also indicated that Carnival Hill has spotty ones. Further
70 discussion was had regarding drafting of the easements and possible ordinances.
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72 • **Bid Process:** B. Hunter indicated that the town has now implemented a bid process for all work to be
73 done. B. Hunter indicated that this could impact our budget. He also indicated that he is going to talk
74 to the Town Administrator to find out what the process is going to be.
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76 • **Prospective-member Process tweaks:** J. Stone indicated that he has tweaked the power-point
77 presentation that J. Beck had done regarding the process for new members. A discussion was had,
78 and J. Stone indicated he would do some more changes and bring it back to the Commission next
79 month for review.

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81 At this point, Peter Howd introduced himself and indicated that he would like to sit in our
82 meetings and possibly become a member of the Commission.

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84 **Old Business:**

- 85 • **SorLac:** W. Mahar indicated that there was no meeting last month.

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87 **Adjournment:**

- 88 • A motion to adjourn was made by J. Stone and seconded by W. Mahar. **The motion passed.**
89 B. Hunter **adjourned the meeting at 8:40 pm.**

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91 Respectfully submitted,

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93 Jeanette Vinton, WCC Recorder

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