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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 2nd 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 bobcats 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. See attached letter and notes.
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- 75 • **SSF planning:** S. Lafleur and J. Beck updated the Commission on all the work being done on
76 the fair. S. Lafleur suggested that we make the booth eye catching to catch the attention of
77 people. She thanked the Commission for all of our support. She also indicated that the fair is
78 going to be all day on Saturday, May 4th. S. Lafleur also indicated that WS Packaging will print
79 the brochures, program guides and flyers for us. She also indicated that she will be sending
80 out a personal letter to the other towns inviting them to the Fair.
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82 J. Beck and S. Lafleur said they would be leading a walk from WLC High School to Garwin
83 Falls. They are hoping to get the Girls and Boys Club to supply their bus to shuttle people
84 back. J. Beck indicated there were over 20 zip codes represented at last year's fair. She also
85 indicated they have more monies for advertising. They both suggested that we go to
86 www.souhegansustainabilityfair.com and view the video from last year.
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88 Discussion was had about getting more trail guides for people to take away with them.
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- 90 • **Wilton Recycling Center:** S. Lafleur indicated that the recycling center needs help. She
91 showed the Commission several pictures that showed trash build up along the perimeter. She
92 is hoping to get citizens to put some elbow grease to clean up the area. She also would like to
93 get some testing down on a blue substance that she saw on the side by the river. J. Beck
94 indicated that with the hiring of a new director for recycling we should put together a proposal
95 on what we would like to see. W. Mahar indicated he would bring up the unknown blue
96 substance at the next SoRLAC meeting.
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- 98 • **TOWN REPORT:** The submission for the Town Report was reviewed by the Commission. A
99 motion was made by A. Preston and seconded by W. Mahar to approve them as written. **The**
100 **motion passed with one abstention.**
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- 102 • **Wilton Water Projects:** J. Beck indicated that the Select Board approved scenario 3. She
103 indicated that they would have to sign the option by April 1st otherwise Sam Proctor said he
104 would put the properties on the market. More discussion was had on what action should be
105 taken.

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

- 113 • **Sorlac:** W. Mahar indicated that Sorlac was entertaining to include Temple in the Souhegan
114 water testing. He also indicated that DOT notified them that they will be working on
115 resurfacing roads in Greenville and New Ipswich which has no effect on the river. W. Mahar
116 also wanted to remind the Commission that the Watershed Conference will be on March 15th.
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118 **Adjournment:**

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

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124 Jeanette Vinton, WCC Recorder
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126 APPROVED: 02/05/2019
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