
Wilton Conservation Commission

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Minutes of Monthly Meeting

The Wilton Conservation Commission held its regular monthly meeting on Monday, February 5, 2019, at 7:00 pm in the Library History Room.

Call to Order: Bart Hunter, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Those attending were:

- Members: Bart Hunter, Jeff Stone, Alan Preston, William Mahar, and Jennifer Beck.
- Guests: Adam Royds, potential member; Bill Ryan, potential member, Lynn Pentler, volunteer

Old Business:

- **Minutes:** Reviewed the minutes for our last month's meeting, January 14, 2019. A motion was made by J. Beck and seconded by A. Preston. **The motion passed.**
- **Terms of members and elections:** B. Hunter inquired of the Commission asked if a vice chair should be appointed in cases where he might be absent. A discussion was had, and it was determined that this was not necessary.
- It is that time of year again to elect a Chairman. A motion was made by J. Beck and seconded by W. Mahar to nominate B. Hunter as chair. **This motion passed.** Another motion was made and seconded by J. Beck and W. Mahar to elect B. Hunter as Chair. **The motion passed.**
- With new individuals present who are thinking of joining the Commission, J. Beck explained the process to become a member. B. Hunter informed these individuals that J. Beck is responsible for outreach, W. Mahar is responsible for Timbering and Change of Use, A. Preston is our maintenance person, and J. Stone is responsible for Frog Pond, is a member of the Zoning Board and helps with the website. B. Hunter indicated he is also a member of the Planning Board.
- **Budget and Expenditures:** B. Hunter indicated that there were no changes made to their budget per D. Tuomala.
- B. Hunter indicated we have two invoices due:

- 44 • 2019 Annual Dam Registration fee of \$400 (Frog Pond is D254021, classification D-092) and
45 2019 Membership dues to NHCC for \$325. A motion was made by B. Hunter and seconded by
46 J. Stone to allocate funds to pay these bills from LCHIP monies. **The motion passed.**
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- 48 • **Monies owed to Commission for Current Use:** J. Farrell was able to pull off a list of people
49 who paid for current use taxes. It was suggested that we write a letter to the Select Board to
50 have those monies transferred to our account. A discussion was had, and J. Stone agreed to
51 write the letter.
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- 53 • B. Hunter indicated that we have three accounts: 1) general budget; 2) LCHIP monies used for
54 land acquisitions; and 3) land use change monies.
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- 56 • **Planning Board:** B. Hunter indicated that the Board has lost 3 people. However, there will be
57 4 persons on the ballot to fill these spots.
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- 59 • B. Hunter indicated that he, J. Stone, and A. Preston did the site walk at Quinn Brothers with
60 the Planning Board on Saturday. B. Hunter indicated that everything looked pretty good. (See
61 attached minutes from Planning Board).
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- 63 • **ZBA:** J. Stone indicated there is nothing new for this month.
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- 65 • **Frog Pond:** J. Stone indicated that it was really cold and everything was snow or ice
66 covered.
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- 68 • **Lecture Series:** B. Hunter indicated that everything is moving along. He said Sandy LaFleur
69 is working on the publicity. He indicated our first lecture is next Tuesday at 7 pm. The lecturer
70 will be **David McGolviil** on perma culture. He also presented at the SSF. In March, the lecturer
71 will be Ethan Blair on Forestry and what you should know. B. Hunter also indicated that he
72 should get in touch with Harry Vogel regarding doing a lecture on loons. B. Hunter indicated
73 he needed volunteers to come early to set up and break down from the lecture. A. Royds and
74 L. Pentler indicated they would help out.
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- 76 • Discussion was had regarding surveying properties. Owners should be aware that if a survey
77 was not done on their property, they should have one done so errors or misunderstandings will
78 not occur.
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- 80 • B. Hunter indicated that NRPC is working on doing mapping for stone walls. He explained how
81 to look these up in the website.
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- 83 • **Forest Management:** W. Mahar indicated there were no new timber cuttings or current use
84 changes.
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- 86 • **Wildlife Sightings:** No new sightings this month.
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88 **New Business:**

- 89 • **NHACC and DES Legislation** – J. Beck indicated that she testified for the first time before the
90 Recreation and Environmental Committee regarding the increase of permit fees for DES and to
91 complete their budget.
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- 93 • J. Beck suggested that everyone on the Conservation Commission get on the mailing list so
94 they can be informed. J. Vinton indicated she would take care of this.
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- 96 • **Carnival Hill Brochure:** Discussion was had about updating the current brochure on Carnival
97 Hill, and that it should be available to the public.
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- 99 **Town Owned Properties:** It was suggested that J. Beck, J. Stone and A. Royds get together
100 to identify the strategically Town owned properties to draft ordinances or easements for each of
101 these properties to be maintained. These ordinances will then be presented to the Select
102 Board. Eventually it would be nice to have this on the town website.
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- 104 • **Order More Frog Pond and Frye Brochures:** B. Hunter suggested we do a limited run and
105 also put this on the website.
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- 107 • **Record Keeping:** B. Hunter indicated that W. Mahar is doing a great job going through the old
108 files. However, we should expand on this. He also indicated that we should be starting to
109 make individual files for projects and keep notices with lot and map numbers.
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111 **Old Business:**

- 112 • **SorLac:** W. Mahar indicated at the meeting that they discussed an issue concerning property
113 in Merrimack. He also indicated a new bridge had been built in New Ipswich, but was later
114 determined it was on private property.
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- 116 • W. Mahar indicated that SorLac is looking into the goo at the recycling center.
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118 **Adjournment:**

- 119 • A motion to adjourn was made by J. Beck and seconded by W. Mahar. **The motion passed.**
120 B. Hunter **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: 03/05/2019
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