

Wilton Conservation Commission

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Minutes of Special Meeting

The Wilton Conservation Commission held a **special-meeting on Monday, June 10, 2019, at 7:00 pm** in the Wilton Town-Hall Court Room.

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

- Members: Alan Preston, Bart Hunter, Bill Maher, Jeff Stone, Jennifer Beck, Les Tallarico
- Visitors: Jessie Salisbury

New Business:

- B. Hunter said an application before the planning board, proposing to remove a large quantity of gravel from a residential lot adjacent to South Yard Cemetery, Isaac Frye Hwy., has been withdrawn.

Old Business:

- A draft letter to the Wilton Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) describing the WCC's concerns regarding ZBA case #6/11/19–2: Janet W Greenman Trust and the Greenman Revocable Trust, which hearing has been noticed to be held June 11, 2019 at 7:30pm in the Town Hall Court Room. J. Stone, also a member of the ZBA, recused himself from the review and discussion of the letter. The letter was approved, signed by the WCC Chair, B. Hunter, and hand-delivered to the town-office mailbox of Michele Decoteau as the ZBA's recorder/administrator.
- Recreational Water-Resources Proposal - Jennifer Beck
J. Beck brought up for discussion, the WCC's water-resources proposal including purchase of Sam Proctor's parcels abutting the Horseshoe, which B. Hunter presented to the Wilton Select Board on May 6, 2019. The LCHIP application deadline is approaching and we have to apply now. She feels our chances of the application succeeding are reduced because the amount of land involved is smaller than professional land-manager/overseers, such as Piscataquog Land Conservancy, want to take on, and that some within LCHIP feel Wilton has a less-than-stellar record managing at least one other LCHIP-conserved property. She would propose in the application that we would raise \$90,000 from public and private donations and believes we could "sell" Town Meeting on putting \$23,000 of town funds into the project. She believes this is more likely to succeed than did the New Reservoir proposal turned down by Town Meeting 2018, because on that project:
 - The Select Board had not gotten "buy-in";
 - It hadn't been well presented;
 - It hadn't been well represented;and re-iterates that we have a motivated seller.
- A motion was made by J. Beck and seconded by B. Mahar, to commit \$50,000 from the WCC's Land Acquisition Fund toward the acquisition of the Horseshoe properties and move forward with the LCHIP grant-application *pending a unanimous vote by the Wilton Select Board* to support the project, at their June 17, 2019 meeting. WCC Chair, B. Hunter requested a voice vote, which was taken:

A. Preston:	Yes
B. Maher:	Yes
L. Tallarico:	Yes
J. Beck:	Yes
J. Stone	Yes

59 B. Hunter: Yes

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63 **Adjournment**

- 64 • A motion to adjourn was moved, seconded and passed. Chairman Bart Hunter **adjourned** the meeting at
- 65 **8:02 pm**

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