

## WCC Evening of Tuesday July 14, 2026

### Members present:

- Sam Shirley, Jordan Shanck, Jordan Kimball, (Missing: Kandi)

### Observers present:

- Dave Leavitt, and [REDACTED]

### General:

- Nathan Hiltz, newly elected Wilton Selectman, attended the first 5 minutes to introduce himself.
- We studied the notes from, and validated/approved the previous meeting minutes.
- Sam created the facebook page
  - o He will add Jordan S., Jordan K., as co-administrators
- Town Website:
  - o Talk to Phil Hilton to see what we can create for a web page, what Phil is willing and able to do
- Wilson Stream
  - o 20 people showed up on Sunday morning 7/12/2026 to clear out trails and remove brush
  - o Snow mobile club, circle drive off of the whistle stop trail
  - o Can drive down to the Wilton end of the property
    - Removing the tree blow down
    - Brooks Tree Service will donate woodchips as needed
  - o The trails will be diverse, for walking, snowmobiling, ATVing
  - o Eric Brown is the Trail Master for the snowmobile
  - o Dave Leavitt is the president of the ATV club
  - o Land donated to the town for recreation
  - o 16 acres or 11 acres?
- Input on the Comprehensive Plan
  - o JK will contact Nick Santoros (the Chair for the Comprehensive Plan)
  - o July 28<sup>th</sup> is the next CP mtg @ the Town Hall
- Long-Term Ambitions/Goals of WCC:
  - o Creation of Town Forests
    - Town has three parcels
      - Guy Chandler:
        - o Logger is Todd Ladd

- Route 2
  - Varnum Pond
  - All of these are in Tree Growth
  - Sam intends to walk each of these parcels
  - Each parcel is 40-60 acres; Varnum parcel is 100-200 acres
- Trust for Public Land (Kingfield)
  - A few 1,000 acres going to the town
  - Shilo Pond Community Forest in Kingfield
- Jay has a great town forest for public access
- VOLUNTEERISM: citizens will be required to do the management
- Androscoggin Land Trust
- High Peaks Land Trust (Wilton is within their jurisdiction)
- Mosher Hill Farms (recently purchased by High Peaks Land Trust)
- Development of a Policy on Land Use Management
  - We develop a process of how to manage new development
  - Transparent, formal process of oversight with PLANNING BOARD where new development is examined by the WCC and other stakeholders, to ensure that the legal and other matters are considered and carefully scrutinized.
- Short-term goals
  - Sam to work with GIS class at UMF (Jan-May) with Matt Mccourt to create an existing trails map for the town
    - Huts & Trails
  - Invasive Species control event:
    - Talk to Ken Sawyer
  - Live Stake event at Pond Road
  - Clean up at Pond Road
  - Volunteer Clean-up day
  - Couber's Brook Trail: maintenance
    - Observation deck
    - Reach out to the Lion's Club (Jordan S.)
    - Reach out to Scott Lindsey
  - Connect with Farmer's Market (Jordan K.)
  - Forestry Management Plans to promote sound stewardship of Wilton's forest lands for public and private stakeholders:
    - preliminary analysis of the state of things and what may need to be updated

- Use NRCS EQIP grants to do this
  - Native Plant Species Outreach
- ORDINANCE on Land Use Policy
- ACTION ITEMS
  - FOWL's annual meeting at 1300 at Lions Club (JK will attend)
  - FaceBook page – use it!
  - Watershed Survey from Wilson Lake
  - Walk & Talk with Chad Happer and Gary Fish on invasive species mgmt. (JK)
  - Work plan google (JK)
  - Connect with Senior Citizen groups (All)
  - Connect with students (All)
    - Aquatic invasive monitors = high schoolers
  - Looking into grants
    - What does the grant allow?
    - Find the Maine Grant Finder website at Maine Office of Community Affairs and post it on WCC FB page and website
  - We need an announcement board at Kineowatha and at the Town Hall and elsewhere