

Wilton Conservation Commission August Meeting Minutes

Reunion Barn at Kineowatha Park

August 11, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

Approved: September 8, 2026

Members Present:

1. Sam Shirley
2. Jordan Schanck
3. Jordan Kimball
4. Nathan Hiltz

- Jordan Schanck:

- Documents presented from Jordan

- ☐ Shares the current FEMP plan and digital copies from forester Pete Tracy
 - ☐ KP Long-Term Management Plan
 - ☐ Erosion Control Plan master docs
 - ☐ All of these are available in Jordan's office at Parks & Rec (KP)

- Recently, the culvert near the sliding rock in KP was rehabilitated (all work done by Public Works)

- Conservation: Land & Water Conservation Funds, with Mr. Herion (sp?) from Land & Water Conservation Fund (SOM). Jordan will meet with them.

- ☐ Determination of obsolete buildings (boat house on the beach, and building behind the lodge, potentially others, too)

- Town Website Update:

- Sam emailed Phil, who is supposed to consult with Maria, but no news as of 8/11/2026
 - Nothing up on the website about us yet
 - Jordan K. needs to accept Sam's invite to join FB

- FOWL Annual Mtg.

- Annual college scholarship awarded to MBHS grad and former Parks and Rec summer employee

- Envirothon relationship

- Funding from Lakes Association

- DEP puts \$3K through Lakes Environmental Association (out of Bridgton), which gets to FOWL annually.

- Algal blooms

- Pease Pond (most at risk in Wilton), Wilson, and Varnum are all under the Watershed Survey completed by FOWL

- Master Plan for Wilton

- WCC to come up with some questions

- Chapters are reviewed but no major changes

☐ Incremental updates

○ 4th or 5th Monday of every month is the meeting

- Recruitment Strategies

○ Committee membership is always a challenge

○ Contact FOWL or Foothills, Foster Tech and MBHS, College Profs.,

- Invasive Species Removal

○ Ken Sawyer, Gary Fish, Chad Hammer

○ Locations: Kineowatha Park

○ Flyer needs to be created

○ Date: 9:00 a.m. on Saturday Sept. 12th

○ Learning Seminar:

- Live Stake Workshop

○ 2x/year: Mid-October to end of November; April to just before bud break

- Couber's Brook

○ Nathan presented previous minutes from Selectboard meetings on 9/4/2012, 9/18/2012, 10/2/2012, & 11/19/2013.

○ Reconnaissance by Sam in July

☐ Who is responsible for the picnic table

☐ Sign: rot, or not?

☐ Do defined trail, steps, bench-cutting down the hill = significant tread work

☐ Current observation deck is a mess right now

- No view anymore
- Railing section is missing
- Trash can is rusted through
- Old trail register is sitting on the ground
- Not aesthetically pleasing
- View is overgrown
- Rotten bench
- Would need a permit to reclear previous view
- General trail corridor is overgrown by low growth

○ Lots of brush and invasives mixed in from plowing from the fire station

- Half-way down the trail there is a viewpoint that wouldn't require clearing

○ Potential bench site

- Garbage and invasives mixed in
- Steps need to be removed
- Culvert is totally plugged and water running up and over = erosion issues,

washing over

- ACTION ITEMS

- Recruit

- ☐ HS, Foster Tech, UMF,

- ☐ Up to 7 official members

- Annual Budget: \$365/year (June – May annual cycle)

- Flyer for invasives Species Removal by Sarah (Jordan S's assistant)

- ☐ Request that folks bring their own tools

- Reach out to Ken Sawyer to see if he is interested in doing the seminar (JK)

- FootHills and FOWL and High Peaks distribution

- Purchase gloves for the event. Will use no more than \$50 from Cons. Com. budget. Nathan motioned, Jordan S. 2Nd, passed 4-0.

- Work on Couber's Brook

- ☐ A lot of work for a relatively small trail

- ☐ Lion's Club can get involved, and have a lot of contractors

- ☐ Contact at Lion's Club: Dave and Tiffany are both on it

- Russell is the one to talk to

- ☐ If Lion's Club commits, then it will become a higher visibility project