Wilton Conservation Commission September Meeting Minutes

Reunion Barn at Kineowatha Park
September 8, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

Approved: October 13, 2026

Members Present:

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

1. Approval of Previous Minutes. Sam motioned to approve the draft minutes of the August 11th meeting, Nathan seconded. Nathan motioned to amend the minutes in 2 ways: [1] including the vote taken on purchasing the gloves (Nathan motioned to appropriate $50 from conservation funds to purchase 20 pairs of gloves at Marden's, Jordan S. seconded, vote: 4-0) and [2] adding citations to old selectboard meeting minutes (agreements with the American Legion about Couber's Brook). Jordan S. seconded. Vote: 3-0
2. Town Webpage Update. Sam said that the first set of meeting minutes has been added to the committee's section on the website. Discussed other possible ways to get attention for the recruitment flyer, including posting it on local billboards or our page on the website.
3. Couber's Brook Trail. Sam contacted Lions Club president Charles Majka about presenting a request to the club regarding the restoration of the trail. The committee agrees that it is best to document an agreement between the club and the town regarding the responsibilities and usage of this property. Sam is hoping to appear on the agenda for a club meeting in the near future. Replacement of the culvert on Sunset Ave. would support the use of this trail. Jordan S. agreed to bring this request to Public Works Director John Masse.
4. Invasives Removal Workday. Sam reported that Jordan K. has a presentation prepared to show on the day and is looking for a projector to help display it to the group. Jordan S. confirmed that purchase of gloves for the event was for $14.89 and would be properly reflected in the conservation fund. Total balance is currently $350.11.
5. Committee Recruitment. Sam and Jordan S. acknowledged the general difficulties in recruiting for town committees. Nathan asked about appropriate messaging for attracting interest to the cause of conservation. Sam shared his definition for conservation being "to use natural resources sustainably'. This is distinct from preservation; preservationists seek to keep nature in its existing state. Nathan suggests that identifying the specific areas related to these efforts may reveal opportunities for recruitment; outreach can be effective when people are informed of a specific task that aligns with their areas of interest.
6. Next Meeting. The next committee meeting will be held at 6 PM Oct.13th at the Kineowatha Park recreation office. Jordan S. discussed the need to contact the town administration to update the website calendar to reflect the winter location.
7. Adjournment. Jordan S. made a motion to adjourn. Sam seconded. Vote: 3-0.