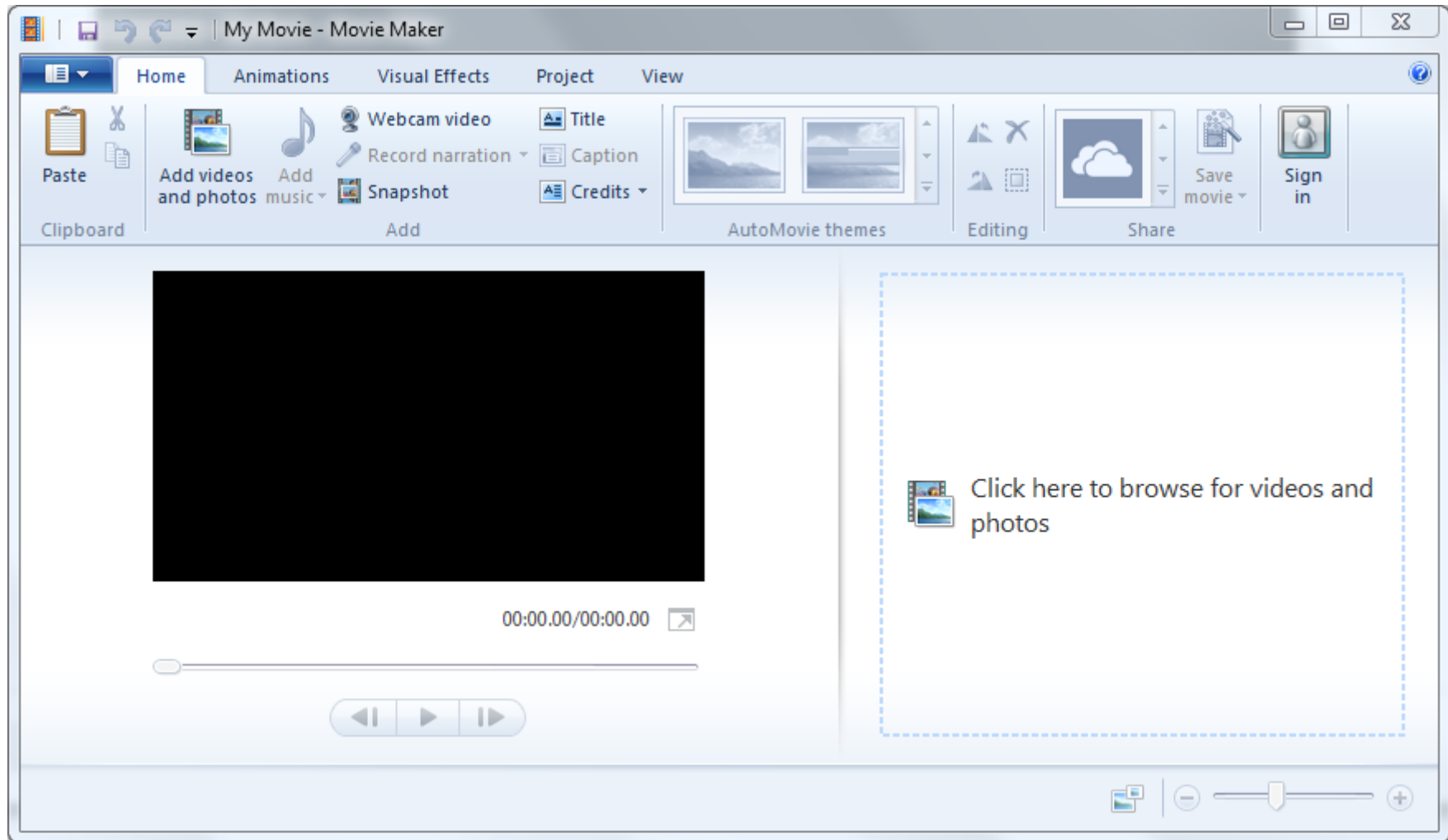


Convert an MP4 file with Windows Movie Maker

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Windows Movie Maker 2012 Opening Screen

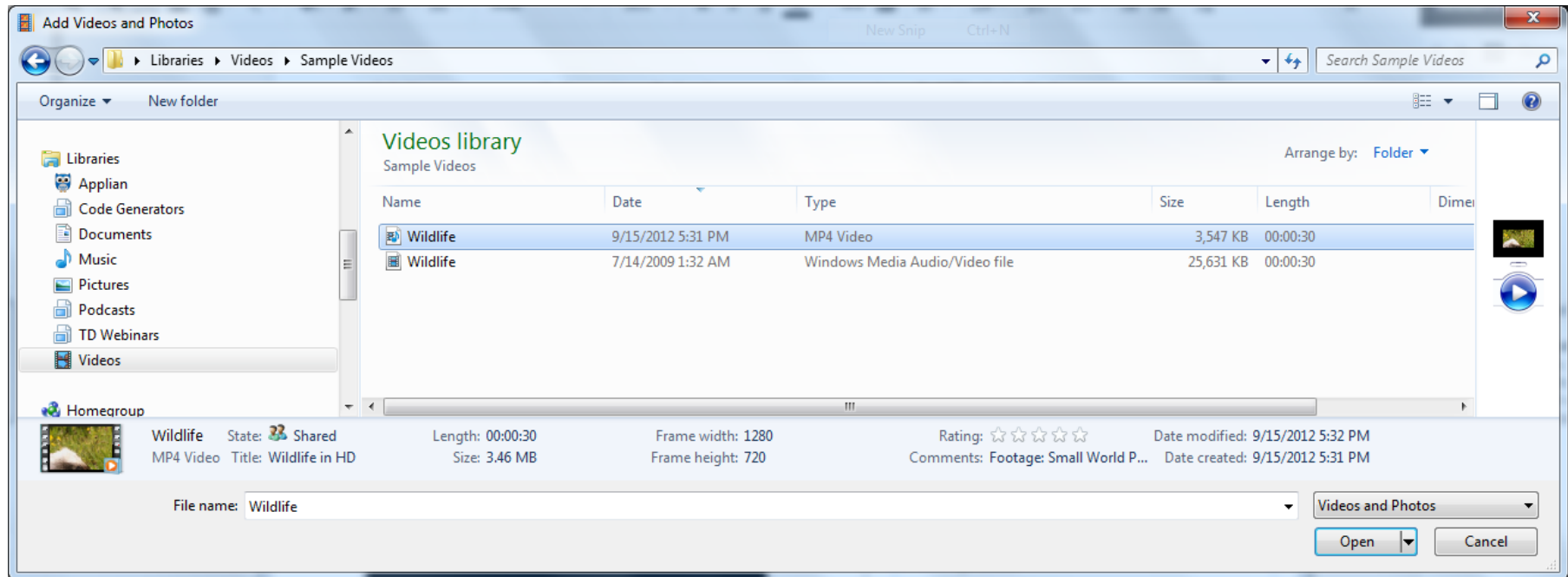


This document illustrates converting an MP4 file to a Windows Media file for use in Easy-Cut and Easy-Scout Pro. We used Windows Movie Maker 2012 on Windows 7. The process is very similar in Windows 8, and previous versions of Movie Maker

Click the Add Videos and Photos icon to begin ...

Windows Movie Maker - Locate and Select Video

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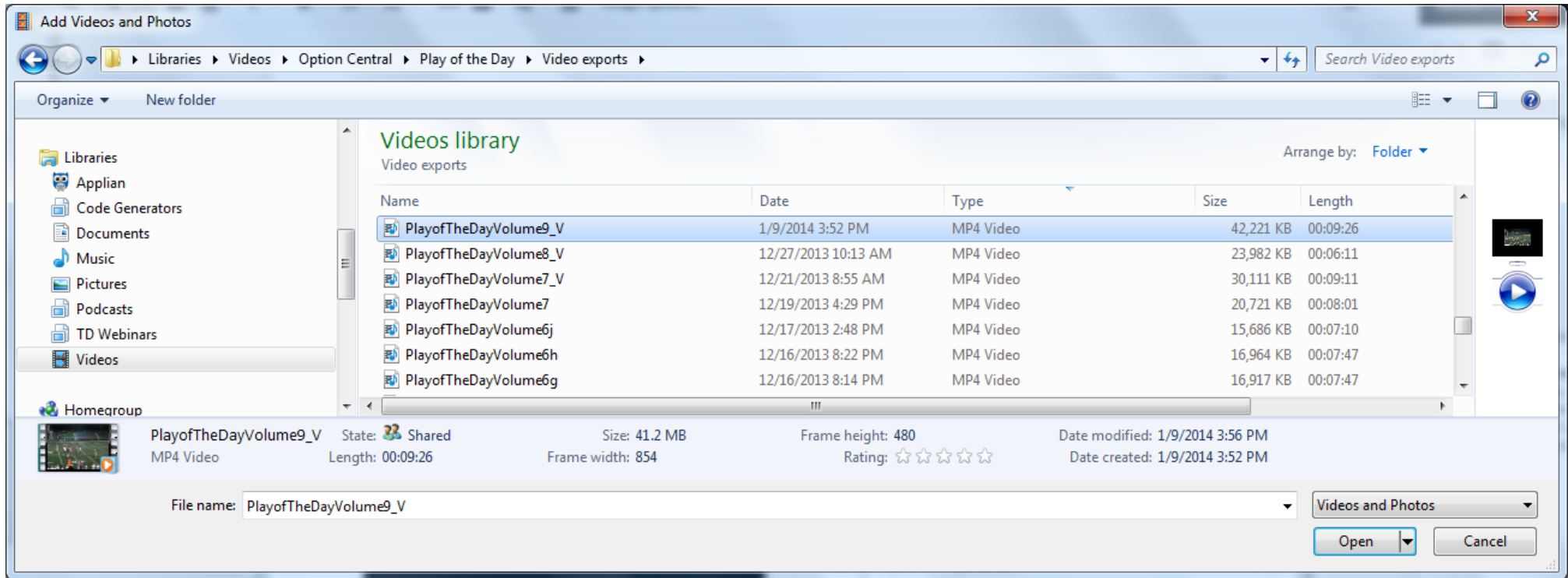


This shows the sample video folder in Windows 7 (Windows 8 may look slightly different) while adding video clips to a Movie Maker project.

The type of file that we want to convert now is labeled MP4 Video. Left Click to select the Wildlife MP4 file. Your screen should resemble the one above. Lets Click Open to start the process ...

Windows Movie Maker

Add Multiple Video files to Movie Maker

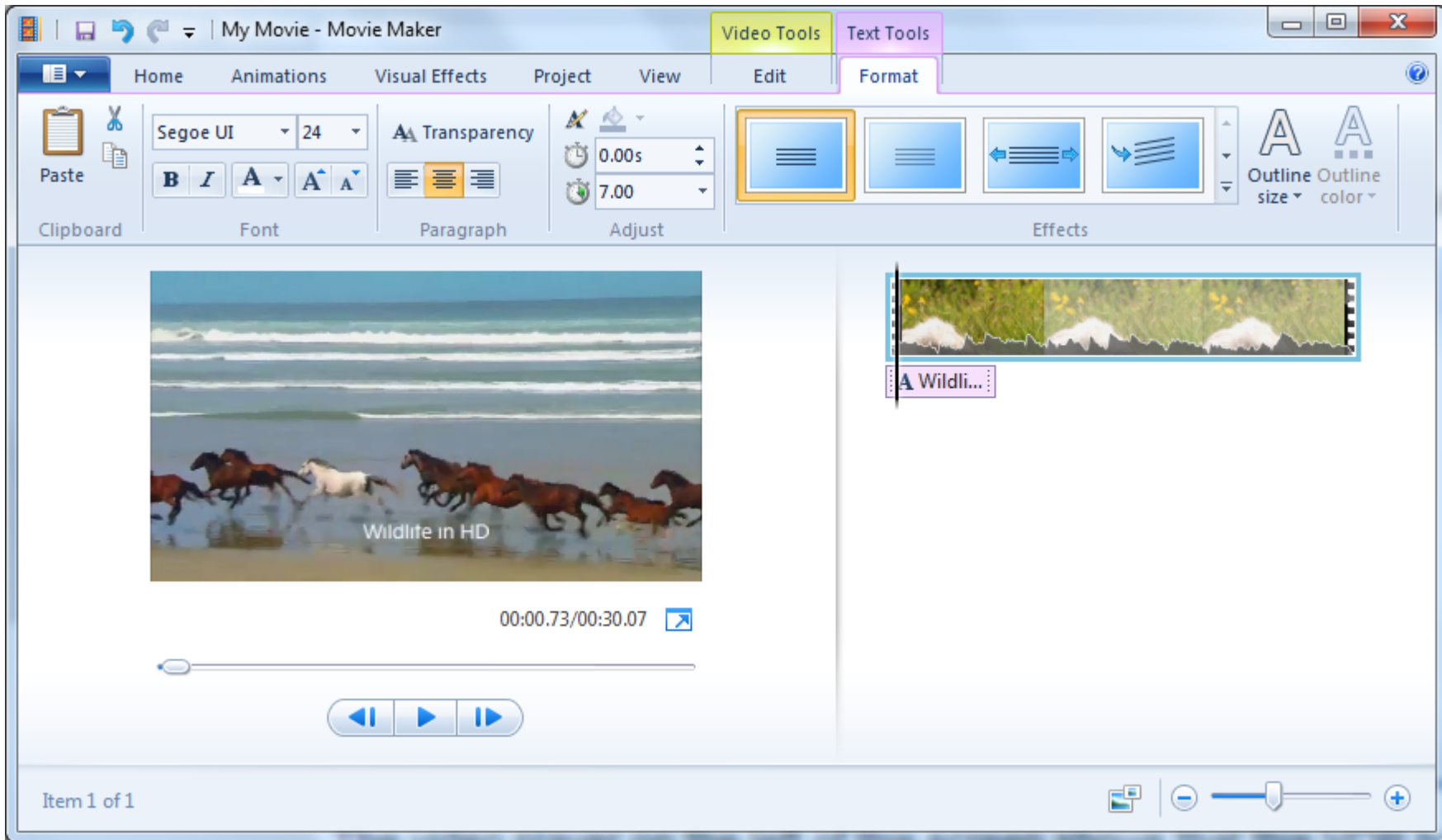


It is possible, and sometimes desirable to add more than 1 video file to a Movie Maker Project at a time. This can be done by selecting a file, holding either the Shift Key or Control Key while selecting other files, and then clicking Open. All selected files are adding to the project.

For now, we will work with our sample Wildlife MP4 video file

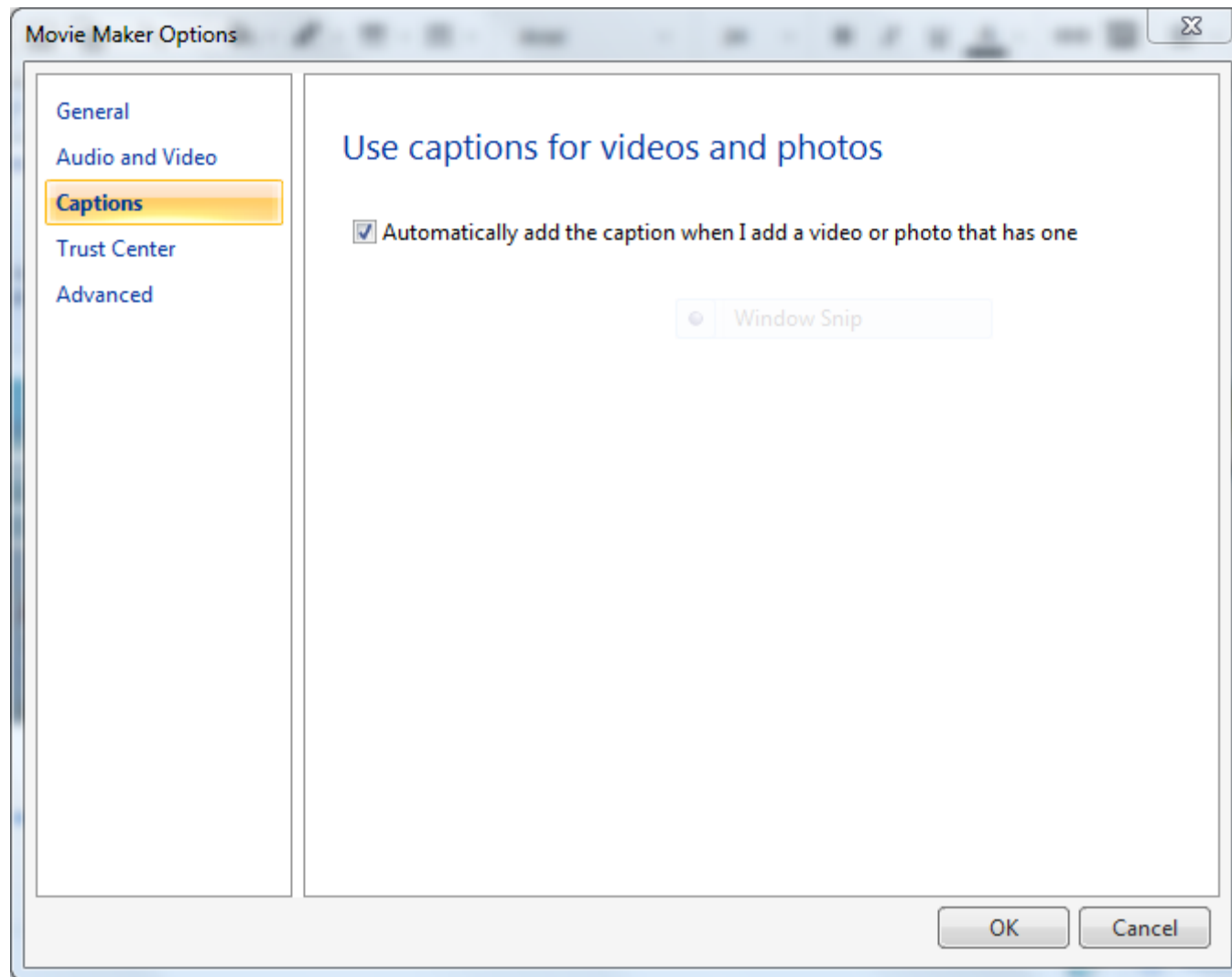
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Display video to be converted



The video player on the left of the screen above shows that this video is 30:07 seconds long. Movie Maker inserted a caption for the sample video by default. This caption can be removed by right clicking on the caption and selecting Remove when the Format menu is active.

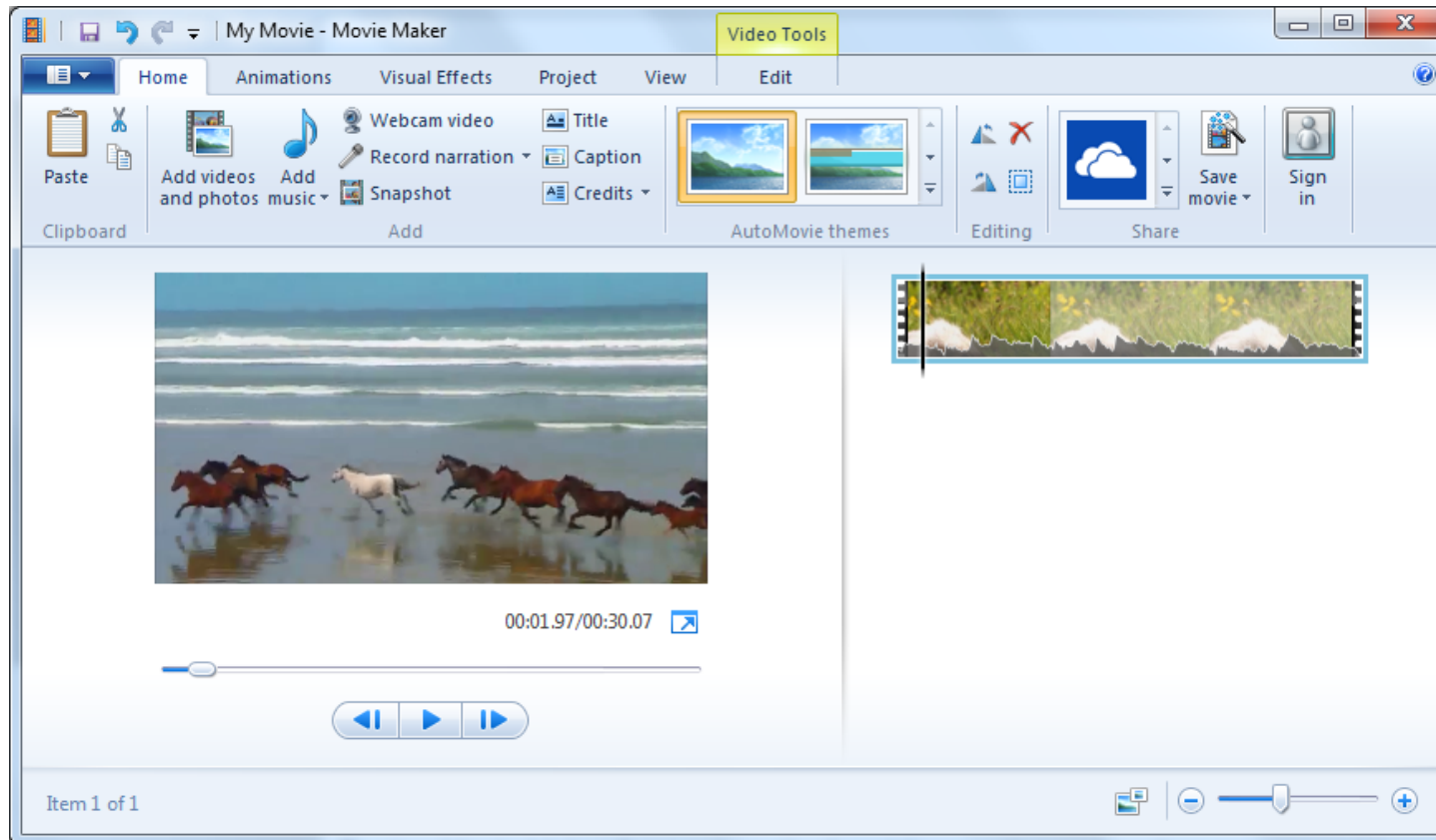
Windows Movie Maker Captions



To stop Movie Maker from automatically adding captions when they are present in a video file or photo, select Options from the leftmost Menu - just above the Paste icon, to reveal the screen shown above, and uncheck the box. Movie Maker will no longer inserted a caption if it is present.

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Display Movie Maker project contents

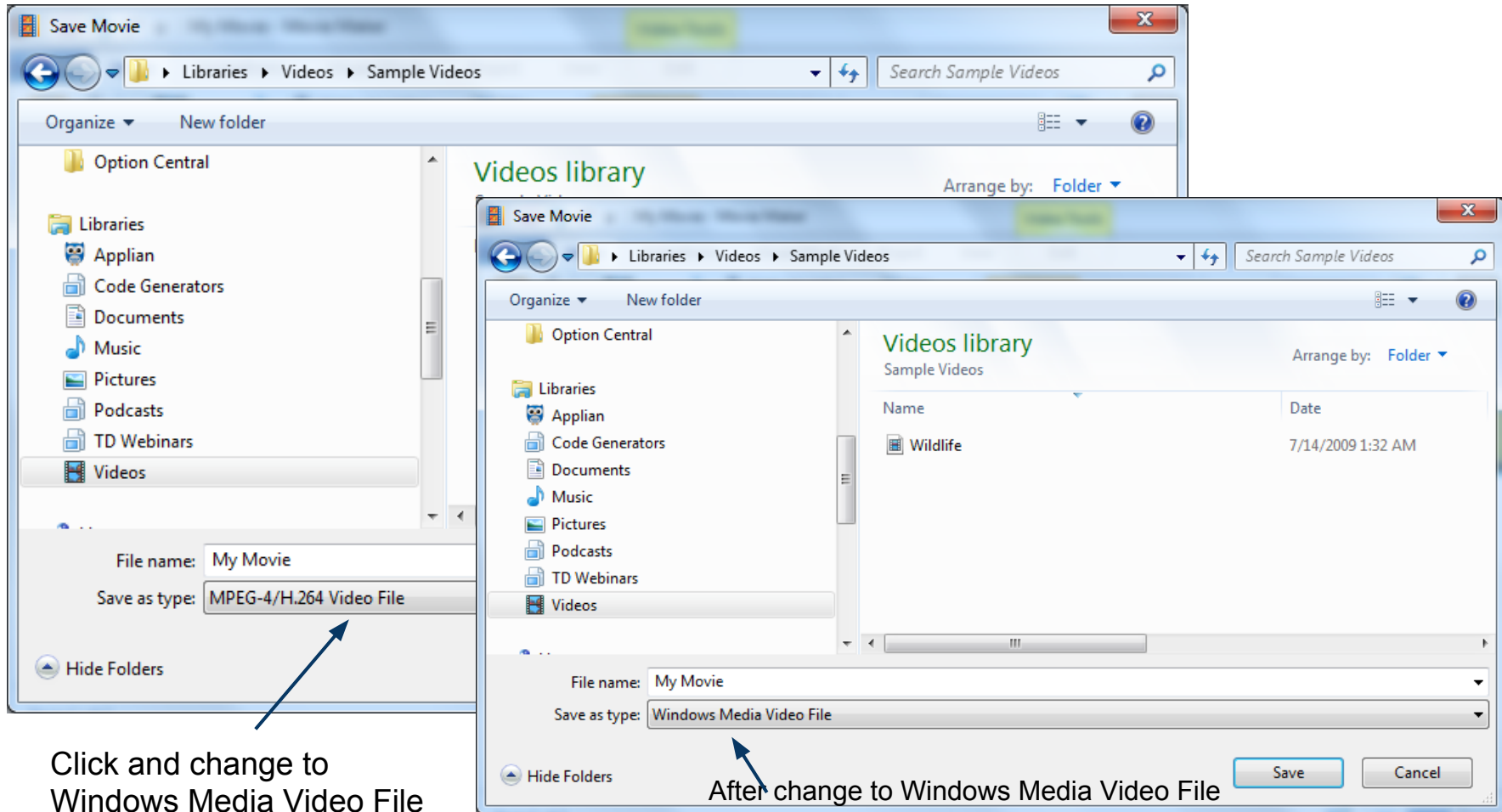


1. On the right, a filmstrip or storyboard shows the video "frames" or clips in the Movie Maker Project
2. The "slider" in the lower right adjusts the size of the storyboard clips to display more or fewer video clips.
3. There are two ways to create a Windows Media Video file from a Windows Movie Maker project:
 - a. Locate the **Share** section above the clips and select **Save Movie**
 - b. Locate and Select the **Save Movie option from the leftmost drop down menu** ..just above the Paste options.
4. Save the movie using the setting labeled **For Computer** on the **Save Movie Menu**.

NOTE: This setting will open the screen on the following slide - where we can select a **Windows Media** file type.

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Creating a Windows Media file from the project contents



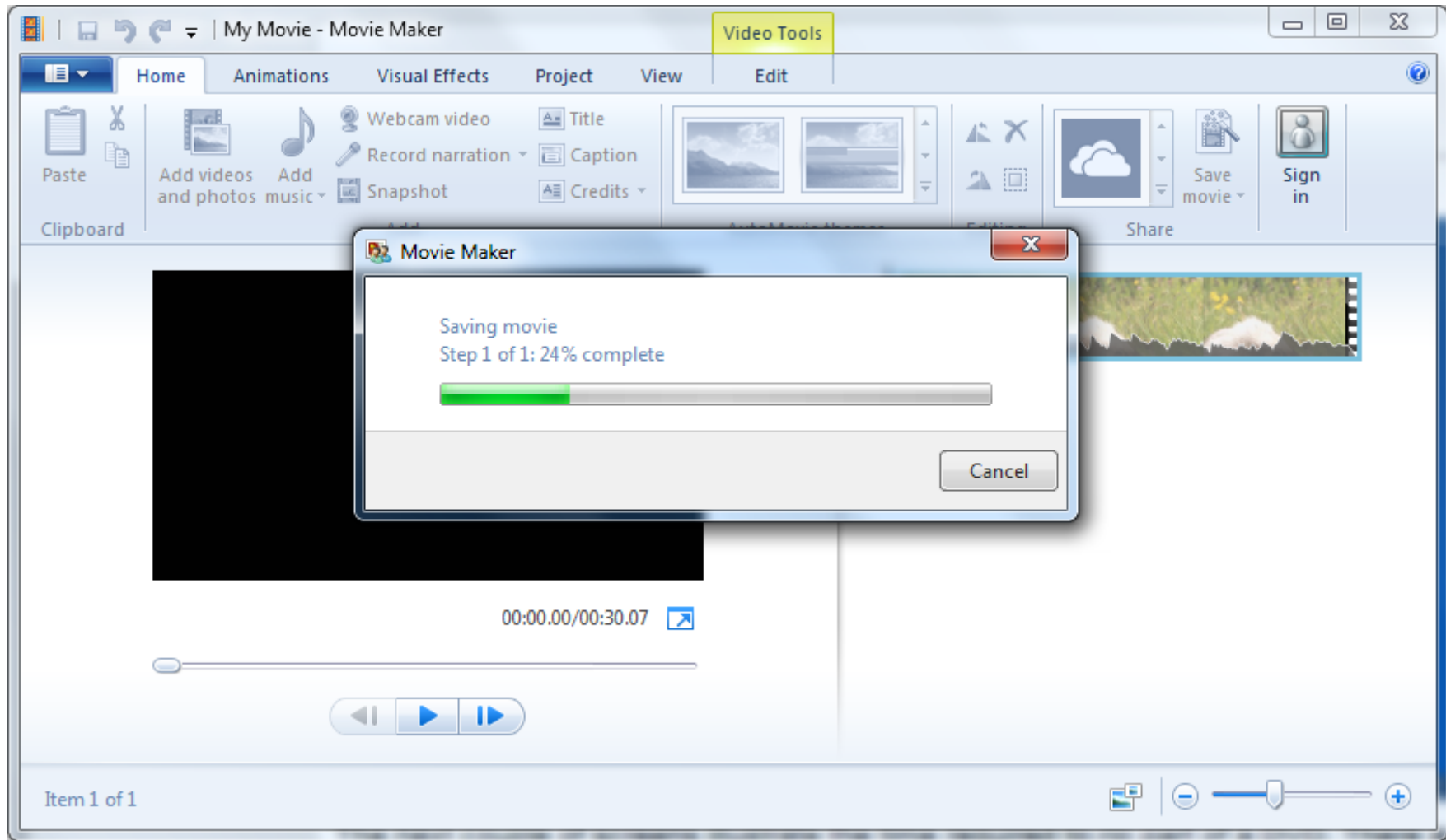
Click and change to
Windows Media Video File

After change to Windows Media Video File

Before we can create the new video, **we have to change the “Save as Type” to Windows Media**. Click the Drop down arrow and Select Windows Media Video File. Optionally, it is possible to change the name of the new video file and Folder in which it should be created. To begin converting the file, click the **SAVE** button.

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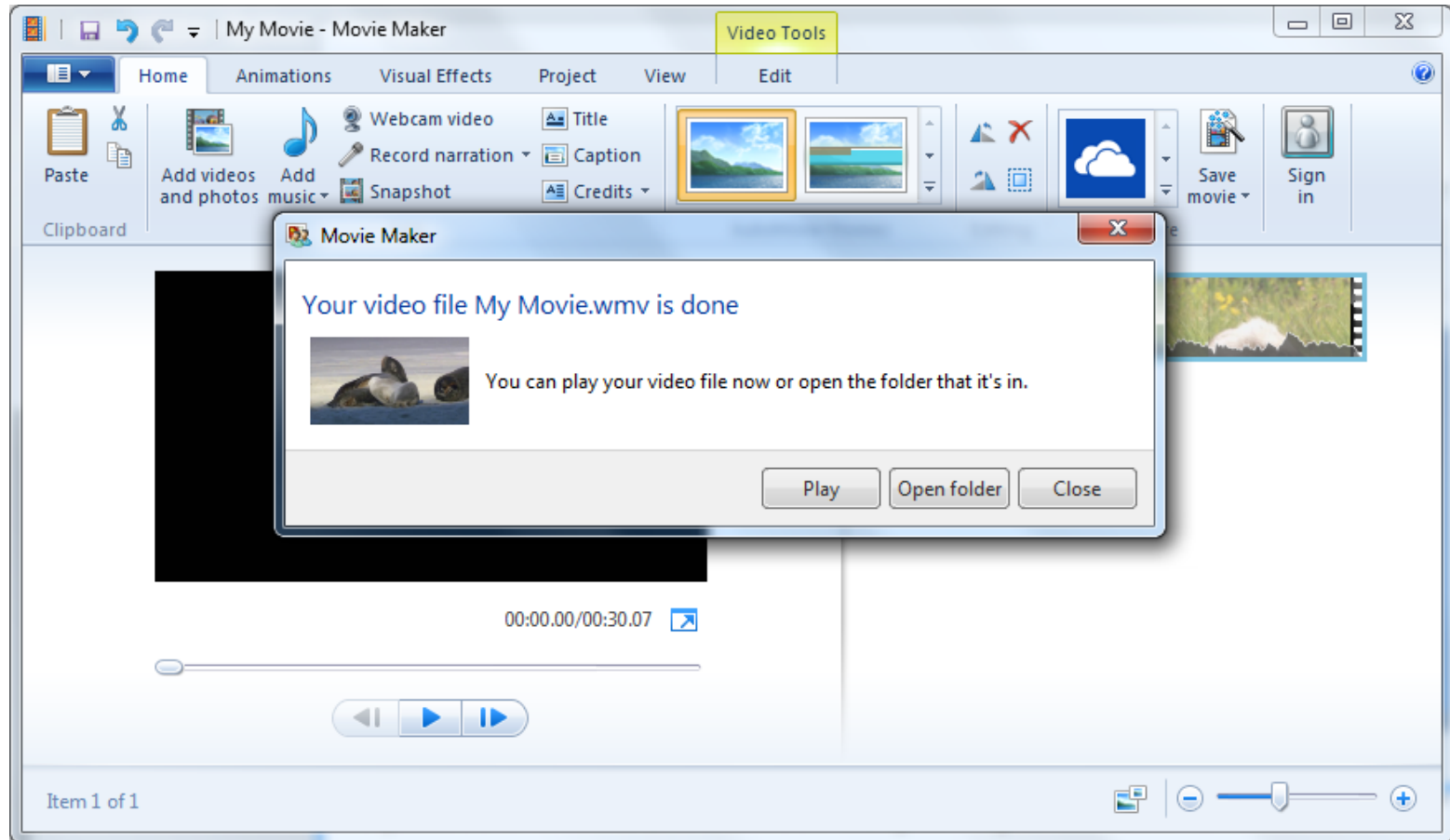
Creating a Windows Media file from an MP4 file



Movie Maker begins to convert the video file, showing its progress as it works. There are many variables that impact the time required, but today's computers are so fast that files are converted in minutes..or, as in this case, less than a minute.

Windows Movie Maker

Creating a Windows Media file from an MP4 file



The process is finished and the Windows Media video file is ready. Movie Maker provides 3 options.. Play, Open the folder (that it was created in) or Close. Click Close to return to Movie Maker.

The Windows Media file is now ready to use in Easy-Scout Pro and Easy-Cut.