

MINUTES from the Milton CC Casey Road Land Protection Committee Meeting

Wednesday, October 23, 2019

Present: Karen Golab, Wayne Sylvester, Virginia Long, Deb McCormack, Bob Weiss and Cynthia Wyatt

Guests: Dan Coons (MMRG Interim Executive Director) and Jon Nute (Casey Road Conservation Land steward for MMRG)

5:31 pm Karen called meeting to order

1. Jon Nute's survey report and questions:

- Jon is assisting surveyor Steve Perron, hope to wrap it up next week. This is third survey of property which makes it easier since some markers are still in place but 7 or 8 corner posts are missing. Perron will provide deed description (automated on his computer). The northeast boundary is in the center of Great Brook but markers will be placed along the bank. Emad Lababidi contacted Jon in response to Jon's letter to announcing survey to abutters.. Jon will let CRLPC send LABabidi the results of survey. The red blazed trail was GPS'd and is on the survey map. Boundary lines will be painted in white paint.
- Jon asked if he should used Town of Milton boundary easement markers along the boundary. Virginia objected since MMRG is easement holder, not Milton. Dan thought it would be okay, however. Cynthia will inquire of other land trusts.
- Jon reported that a tent in the woods visible from trail near Edmunds property is actually on the town-owned conservation land and filled with junk inside. He suggested that at next cleanup day we remove the tent and contents.
- Jon reported on how survey will document using triangulation where driveways cross town-owned property due to legal right of way in their deeds. This is true for tax map 41, parcels 360, 362, 85, and 86.
- Driveway right of way also given for parcel 82 (shared easement along boundary with 81), but not used. Karen asked if we should notify them? Jon said he could talk to them. (Jon left meeting)

2. Review of Easement language with Dan Coons:

- We reviewed the questions and changes of wording that we sent Dan, plus his replies. Dan took notes on all. In general, we tried to avoid reference to specific activities, except keep language guaranteeing access for walking, skiing and nature observation. After some discussion (Karen objected but did not insist) we agreed to exclude snowmobiles from the motorized vehicle prohibition – making it a choice of the town to allow snowmobiles or not.
- Next step is for Dan to enter the changes and send back to Committee. Then the Easement will be given to Ernie and the Town Attorney and to MMRG's Attorney for review. (Dan left meeting)

3. Minutes approval:

- Cynthia moved to approve September 25, 2019 minutes, Wayne 2nded, all in favor

4. Eagle Scout project/Letter to Liberty Circle landowners:

- Deb researched the names of landowners to be sure we have correct names from deeds. She raised the question of homestead rights in NH, in case that affects the names used. The Eagle Scout project is already complete, for which we are very appreciative, but Matt Steer did not extend the trail to the beaver dam, as we had hoped. As a result, we no longer have an urgent

need to send this letter out for permission to build But we may as well do so in advance of the next opportunity.

5. Update on Bus Turnaround:

- No update, no news from Pat Smith

6. Other business:

- Karen reported on status of 3-acre town-owned parcel: The BOS approved her to request recommendation from Planning Board to add it to the Casey Rd conservation land, so she hopes to get on the next PB agenda. Cynthia will write a letter from the CC stating the CC's recommendation.
- Virginia agreed to ask Ernie about the right to know law and what the requirements are for the Casey Rd sub-committee in terms of distributing agendas and other materials, also to ask Ashley about distributing minutes to committee members.

7. Public Comment: none

8. Next meeting date is Wednesday December 4 at 5:30 pm

7:16 pm Wayne moved to adjourn, Bob seconded, all in favor. **Meeting adjourned.**

Respectfully submitted by Virginia