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**Minutes from the Milton Conservation Commission  
Casey Road Land Protection Committee Meeting**

**Wednesday, December 4, 2019**

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

5:40pm Karen called meeting to order.

**1) Minutes approval**

- a) Cynthia moved to approve October 23, 2019 minutes, Wayne seconded, all in favor.

**2) Easement Deed Status**

- a) New Executive Director of MMRG, Dan, will follow up.
- b) Need feedback from MMRG, then to our Attorney.
- c) Trying to defer some costs of back and forth.

**3) Liberty Circle letters**

- a) Not urgent.
- b) Beaver pond growing.
- c) Dam is on Lababidi's land.

**4) Discussion of lot held by Town of Milton by tax deed (Map 41, Lot 81)**

- a) Planning board went on a site walk on 11/11/19.
- b) PB considers it a buildable lot and recommends selling (unanimous). Ryan abstained and Larry did not attend.
- c) Virginia previously recommended pursuing adding lot to easement by petition of Warrant Article, all in favor.
- d) BOS requires 2 hearings, 2 weeks apart and posted 10 days in advance, and BOS then must meet to decide.
- e) At MMRG Cynthia spoke to John Nute-maybe can bid at auction.
- f) At PB meeting, Bruce said that Milton has 20% land in conservation and average is 15%. But Strafford Regional Planning Commission is showing only 13.3% under conservation easement. Karen suggested asking Bruce

if he would discuss clarification of types of conservation land with Planning Board.

- g) Cynthia suggested inviting BOS on site walk of lot in order to pursue 2 public hearings. Soon, maybe 15<sup>th</sup> or 22<sup>nd</sup>. Deb had a concern about snow, maybe wait until spring. Wayne will check with John Nute. Lot needs fill for dip-low area (expensive) and has a lot of wetlands.
- h) Will save money to add to easement now, rather than later.
- i) Wayne asked if lot has conservation value. Cynthia said it definitely does.

#### **5) Easement Land**

- a) Wayne met with John Nute when John was marking boundaries.
- b) Pat cleaned up brush and large tree and took down wall. No wood chips until after snow melt.
- c) Karen will talk to Ernie tomorrow about an appropriate time to send thank you pizzas to Pat Smith (Public Works) and crew.
- d) Tent on land – Bob said it's not known if tent owner still lives there. It makes landowner nervous but appears to be abandoned. John Nute suggested getting rid of it, but Wayne said police should handle it. Karen will call Ernie about contacting police and BOS.

#### **6) Miscellaneous**

- a) Cynthia suggested having some Conservation Commission workshops.
- b) Our advisory letters are backed by science.
- c) If lakes degrade, town will be in trouble, higher priced properties especially at risk.
- d) Potential cost to mitigate European Naiad for 2020 = \$40,000. Requested \$20,000 in grants.

Meeting adjourned at 6:35pm

Next meeting on January 15, 2020