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May 3, 2023
Meeting Minutes
6:00 PM

ATTENDANCE:

Members: Virginia Long (Chair), Steve Panish, Robert Weiss, Wayne Sylvester, Jeff LeClair

Alternates: Sharon Buttrick, Lee Pilkovsky

Public:

Virginia Long, Chair, opened the public session at 6:01PM.

- 1. Welcome guests:** No guests
- 2. Welcome new MCC Alternate:** Lee Pilkovsky
- 3. Ascertain who is present and approve alternates to serves as full members as needed.**
- 4. Event announcements:**
 1. Great Meadow Walkabout in Tuftonboro, Friday May 12, noon-2 p.m. (CCs only) PLEASE PRE-REGISTER
 2. NH Coverts Project: 4 training sessions in May 2023; submit letter of application.
 3. MMRG 'Conservation 101' workshops for landowners in Wolfeboro and New Durham, June, and August
 4. MCC & TPPA joint educational outreach activities during Summer Kickoff boat races, Sunday, June 4, 9-noon @ Milton Town Beach
 5. Thursday May 25, 2023, ZBA public hearing for a variance from Tayzach Realty to build two houses on one lot: Map 5/Lot 7 on Willey Rd
- 5. Display/circulate CC materials for lending (sign-out sheet) and MCC mail:**
- 6. Review/Approve 04/05/2023 meeting minutes with corrections:**

S Panish made a motion to accept minutes with corrections. W Sylvester second. All in favor.
- 7. Financial Report: (Steve):** Expenditure report- No major changes- the only major bill was Marc Jacobs for going over the wetland ordinance. Some postage, \$79 for March and \$57 for April. Entire budget of \$6125 there's \$5614 left which is a little over 8%. Conservation Fund there's roughly \$100,000 in the unrestricted. There's \$16,000 in the monitoring budget. \$4000 in the legal defense budget.

W Sylvester made a motion to accept the financial report. R Weiss second. All in favor.
- 8. MCC Recommendations to ZBA on Tayzach Realty request for variance to build two houses on one lot:**

Map 5/Lot 7 on Willey Rd: Sent a draft letter to ZBA in advance. V Long will be attending. V Long went over her suggested changes.

9. Wetlands and Shoreland Permit Applications OR Violations: 2 shoreland permit applications- 255 and 257 NE Pond Rd.

10. Wetlands protections:

- Report on Planning Board Wetlands Workshop on 4/18
- Marc Jacobs' review of Wetlands Section of Milton Zoning Ordinance (sent out in advance of Wetlands Workshop) Discussion about what was discussed at the planning board.

W Sylvester made a motion to accept the zoning changes submitted by Marc Jacobs to the MCC revised by V Long in particular with the addition of priority of the wetlands overlay district. S Panish 2nd. All in favor.

- Update on letters sent to landowners about wetlands

11. TPPA / MCC joint educational outreach

- a. Booth at 'Summer Kickoff' June 4, 9-noon; family activities, educational (MS4) handouts, trail maps, letters to landowners ; need volunteers!
W Sylvester contacted Steve Yuvitch (have no idea how to spell this) to run the watershed table. There will be a joint presentation from the MCC and TPPA.
- b. Joint letter to lake shore landowners (draft sent out in advance):

12. Trail Volunteers Group Update (Jeff)

13. Town-owned Easements and Conservation lands:

FEE PROPERTIES:

- **CASEY RD CONSERVATION LAND:** MMRG monitors. The overlook trail is ready to blaze- rerouted trail. J on Nute was willing to reestablish the boundary. He has informed V Long that he has done this so her and J Leclair is going to go out to look.
- **JONES BROOK PARK/PAYNE:** MMRG will be monitoring this soon, but Mike walks it enough for now. J Leclair stated that the trail had flooded over the road. On Earth Day 7 bags of trash were removed. There is a probable invasive species or maybe some noninvasive grass. V Long wants to schedule a celebratory walk for the new trail, including a bird walk on June 17th.
- Update on Letter of Understanding between MMRG & Town:** Veronica is going to take out the pledge in the letter of understanding. Going to drop the letter of understanding until the fall and then will have a formal one with a budget.
- **SPAULDING TURNPIKE:** Monitored by V Long
- **DAMES BROOK:** R Weiss is going to monitor.
- **OLD SKI AREA - Update on plan to get deed restriction:** V Long and S Panish monitors this.
- **BALL PROPERTY – update on Norway Plains survey work (Virginia); update on signage (Jeff);** J Leclair would like some help putting up the no motorized vehicle signs.
 - **follow-up on encroachments (Virginia):** Finally, some movement on this issue. The homeowner that's encroaching wanted to purchase a piece of the land. The town administrator let the homeowner know that the deed to the Ball property says that you cannot build structures on, subdivide, or sell the land.
- **Update on letter to abutters of town-owned conservation lands**
- **Plan to 'monitor' each of these in 2023**
- **MCKEAGNEY ROAD OPEN SPACE – NEW! Town-owned land, taken. for taxes in 2013, do we want to offer to oversee it as conservation land?** The title for this property is still up for dispute.

EASEMENTS: Haven't heard anything from Chris Kane

- **FRIZZELL**
- **LANCEY WARD**
- **LAVALLIERE**
- **LYMAN BROOK**
- **SILVER SPRINGS**
- **WALLACE WAY**
- **NUTE HAYBARN AND PLANTATION EASEMENTS**
- **LIBERTY CIRCLE – Nute monitors**
- **CURRENT – Steve monitors**
- **Letters to landowners?**
- **Kane Conservation Monitoring;**
 - **Contract for 2023**

14. Recruitment of new Alternate members

15. Workshop reports, if any

16. Virginia's report

17. Other business: Claudine Burnham would like some help planting some plants in the cemeteries.

18. Public input

19. Confirm date of next month's meeting: Wednesday, June 7, 2023, at 6 p.m.

20. Adjourn:

W Sylvester made a motion to adjourn at 8:04. S Panish 2nd. All in favor.