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March 1, 2023  
Meeting Minutes  
6:00 PM

**ATTENDANCE:**

**Members:** Virginia Long (Chair), Robert Weiss  
**Alternates:** Sharon Butrick, Jeff LeClair  
**Absent:** Steve Panish, Wayne Sylvester  
**Public:** Sam Feigenbaum and Tom Flynn- Kearsarge Energy

**Virginia Long, Chair, opened the public session at 6:03 PM.**

- 1. Welcome guests:** Sam Feigenbaum- Kearsarge Energy, Tom Flynn
- 2. Ascertain who is present and approve alternates to serves as full members as needed:** Jeff LeClair sat in for Steve Panish, Sharon Butrick sat in for Wayne Sylvester.
- 3. Kearsarge Energy presents plans for solar projects on 2 Milton properties (materials sent out in advance):** Lockhart Field and Wastewater Treatment. Sam explains how the solar projects will work for Milton. The board asked a few questions that Sam answered.
- 4. Event announcements:**
  - A. NH Coverts Project: 4 training sessions in May 2023; submit letter of application
  - B. Saving Special Places, annual statewide land conservation conference , March 30 (virtual), April 7 (virtual), April 15 (in-person at Prospect Mt High School in Alton) see: [extension.unh.edu/savingspecialplaces](https://extension.unh.edu/savingspecialplaces).
  - C. MMRG lead tour @ Great Meadow in Tuftonborough
- 5. Display/circulate CC materials for lending (sign-out sheet) and MCC mail:**
- 6. Review/Approve 3/1/2023 meeting minutes with corrections:**

*S Butrick made a motion to accept the minutes with revisions. R Weiss second. All in favor.*
- 7. Financial Report: (Steve) plan end of year expenditures:** MCC received net input into Conservation Fund of \$14,000 : transfer IN of \$34,000 from LUCT (2022) minus transfer OUT of \$20,000 to MMRG for Tenerife Mt Forest project. . Virginia explained the breakdown of the funds for the year.
- 8. Wetlands and Shoreland Permit Applications OR Violations:** Sam Plummer Rd permit application submitted to DES
- 9. Wetlands protections:**

- A. Discuss draft letter to landowners about wetlands (sent out in advance):** Board thinks V Long did a great job on this. Incorporated comments from B Woodruff and M Jacobs. SEE ATTACHED
- B. Update on MCC's proposed revisions to zoning ordinance to better protect wetlands and steep slopes in Milton:** Talked to B Woodruff and his suggestion is to educate the Planning Board at the April 18<sup>th</sup> meeting. Emailed M Jacobs to see if he could present it to the Planning Board. He will review the wetlands ordinance for \$60 an hour with a max cost of \$240.

*S Butrick made a motion to ask M Jacobs to review our wetlands ordinance for \$60 an hour with a max cost of \$240 .J LeClair second. All in favor.*

**10. Trail Volunteers Group Update:** J LeClair is going to contact L Elder when there is an event that is going to be happening near his land. He also asked M Schneider if he would be interested in being an alternate on the MCC and M Schneider declined saying that he is not interested at this time. LeClair and Schneider Looked over paperwork from MMRG about best management practices for erosion control and everything they wanted to know about trail notification but were afraid to ask. Jones Brook would not be problematic but would be a good idea to finish cleaning up the old "truck" road. Mike located a spot that would make a good stream crossing with a couple of planks joined with cross pieces and maybe a handrail. A bridge of this type does not need permission from the state. Casey Rd- went to the Beaver Pond and found that the Dam had been breached.

## **11. Town-owned Easements and Conservation lands:**

### **A. Fee Properties:**

- I. Jones Brook Park/Payne:** Virginia went to the BOS meeting with a letter of understanding between MMRG and the selectboard. They declined to sign it. They were concerned about costs that had not been mentioned in the warrant article and want a lot more information.
- II. Casey Rd Conservation Land:**
- III. Spaulding Turnpike:**
- IV. Dames Brook:**
- V. Old Ski Area:** Virginia presented a conservation restriction deed to the BOS. They questioned why the CC couldn't do this with Jones Brook. V Long explained why. They didn't like some of the language at the bottom of the letter.
- VI. Ball Property:** Norway Plains put new monuments around. Could add monuments around the small pond but will cost the CC some money.

Virginia's letter to landowners abutting town-owned conservation land was informally approved by consensus – to be mailed out along with letters to wetland abutters. (ATTACHED)

*J LeClair made a motion to spend up to \$500 for Norway Plains to place monumentation at the small pond. R Weiss second. All in favor.*

## **B. EASEMENTS:**

### **I. Kane Conservation update:**

- **Frizzell:**
- **Lancey Ward:** Asked Chris Kane to find the missing corner signs.
- **Lavalliere:**
- **Liberty Circle:** J Nute volunteers to monitor the Liberty Circle open space. He is already monitoring Casey Rd conservation land which is right next to it. He will re-mark the boundary between the houses and the Liberty Circle open space.
- **Lyman Brook:**
- **Silver Springs:**
- **Wallace Way:**
- **Nute Haybarn and Plantation Easements:**
- **Letters to certain landowners**
- **Kane Conservation Monitoring:**

➤ **New monitoring form:** J LeClair, wondering if it was worthing

switching forms or how much it would cost, or do we want to keep accepting his?

➤ **Contract for next year:**

**12. Workshop reports:**

**13. MCC Bylaws revision:** V Long made some changes that she thought needed to be changed. She also thinks something needs to be added, a vice chair definition saying that if there is no vice chair present or an elected one then the same duties should be applied to the treasurer. Put this under B. (ATTACHED)

*R Weiss made a motion to adopt the bylaw revisions. J LeClair second. All in favor.*

**14. TPPA requests MCC help with Educational Lakes Day:** Karen Brown suggests we combine this with the summer kickoff event sponsored by recreation.

**15. Bills at NH State house of concern to CC's:** HB2 eliminates wetland and soil scientist certifications – approve letter for hearing. (ATTACHED)

*Sharon made a motion to send a letter to the state house to get their attention. J LeClair second. All were in favor.*

**16. Recruitment of new Commission and Alternate members:** Paul Blanc declined “Unfortunately, things are very busy right now at work. thanks for thinking of me.” J LeClair is getting appointed on 3/20/23. Need more alternates.

**17. Virginia's report:**

**18. Other business:** The BOS reappointed V Long as MCC member.

**19. Public Input:**

**20. Confirm date of next month's meeting:** April 19, 2023

**21. Adjournment:** *R Weiss moved to adjourn @ 20:03. S Butrick second. All in favor.*