

Town of Milton
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9/13/2021
Meeting Minutes
6:00 PM

Present Members: Steve Panish, Virginia Long, Robert Weiss, Wayne Sylvester

Absent Members: Deborah McCormack

Staff Present: Julius Peel, Land Use Department

Members of the Public: *None*

1. Ascertain who is present and approve alternates to serves as full members as needed.

The commission noted that they are only missing Deb McCormack tonight.

2. Review and approve letter to BOS regarding proposed Watercross event (letter to be sent out in advance)

The commission reviewed the letter as drafted by Virginia Long. After review, the Commission agreed that the letter was appropriate.

Wayne Sylvester motioned to approve the letter as written to submit to the Board of Selectman. Seconded by Bob Weiss. The motion is passed unanimously.

3. Approve 8/9/21 meeting and 8/26/21 special meeting minutes

The Commission reviewed the minutes for 8/9/21 and 8/26/21. After discussing the finance section, the commission made separate motions to approve.

Bob Weiss motioned to approve the minutes of 8/9/21 seconded by Wayne Sylvester. The motion passed unanimously.

Wayne Sylvester motioned to approve the minutes of 8/26/21 seconded by Bob Weiss. The motion passed unanimously.



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4. CRLPC update- distribute flyers for Celebration to post around town; confirm next meeting date is 9/22 at 6pm with Jill as first 'item' on agenda

Virginia Long noted that the commission had received a flyer in their email and explained that there were a few locations around the community that she thinks would be important to hang them up. The locations mentioned were Nute High School, Town Library, Town Hall, Plummer's Ridge, Laundry Mat, Moose Lodge, Milton Vet, McKenzie's Farm, Branch Hill Farm, Farm Museum, Index Packaging, Super Groomer. Wayne noted the importance of posting on the TPPA website and the commission agreed to send the file to them as well. V. Long noted that the sub-committee has a meeting scheduled on the 22nd for details with Jill Eldridge about the celebration.

5. Thank you cards.
V. Long explained that Volunteer Day was very successful, the sign was beautiful thanks to the McCormacks, and thought it would be considerate to send thank you cards to Lee Pilkovski for helping with his tractor and auger and the McCormacks for creating the sign. She also noted that the conservation sign completed by Deb McCormack and Bob Weiss will be unveiled on the opening day.

6. Educational Outreach update, including MCC FB page

The commission reviewed the town's education video, *Milton Three Ponds: Ours to Protect and Preserve*, and noted that on the YouTube it has received roughly 750 views. V. Long also noted there are now 200 followers on the Conservation Facebook page. She explained that the progression of the Facebook page is a positive look for the community and noted that the most successful posts are those with pictures. The commission agreed to have Bio Blitz shared on the Milton Conservation page to support local interest.

7. Review Commission members recruitment

The commission discussed potential members, noting that Lee Pilkovski might be interested. They agreed that they will reach out to him to inquire if he has any interest in assisting.

8. Review Wetlands Permit Applications, if any
No permits currently in front of the commission to review.
9. Update on Sam Plummer Rd Culvert Project



The discussion for this project has been pushed to a later BOS meeting and is scheduled to be discussed on the 20th.

10. Review status of Norway Plains partial survey of the Ball property
Virginia L and Steve P met with Charlie Karcher, who did the work, no bill yet. The Ball property is town-owned but not under easement. Charlie found all but 3 pins that are on the survey, which dates to 1993. Plus one pin is gone because the road (extension of St. James) was moved over the pin. There are many long narrow lots which have tiny frontage on the pond and are very long. There are several violations, mostly along the rear boundaries, none serious and it is likely that the lot owners are not aware of the boundary location, which needs to be marked. The largest is where the road runs along or into the town-owned area and some owners have cleared a bit and parked boats there. Discussion concluded that we should inform the owners and just request that they not clear or disturb further into the town-owned area. Several of the CC members volunteered to help mark the rear boundaries.
11. Chris Kane preliminary monitoring report – issues to address.
The only significant issue was the report of someone camping behind the Dollar General. We agreed that if there was a homeless person there we did not want to remove them from the property, and they likely will leave as the weather becomes colder.

Nute FMP and timber harvest

It was suggested that we ask Jon Nute if he would be willing to conduct a workshop (on his property) to demonstrate good harvesting practices, so the CC (and public) could improve their skills in evaluating or performing timber harvests.
12. Status of 3.04-acre parcel referenced by tax/lot : 41/81.
Not discussed.
13. Financial Report, budget, invoices
No changes other than interest on the CF. A bill submitted by Deb M. was approved for payment of \$96.41 for sign materials (for Casey Rd.) The financial report was accepted along with the payment with correction of an error in the date, Moved by Virginia L, second by Wayne.

Steve will order 2 copies of the NHACC handbook.
14. Plan going away party for Cynthia?

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This will happen at the Casey Road dedication. We will let former members know and try for an early group photo to give Cyn.

15. Change MCC meeting date to another day of the week to avoid conflicts with BOS?
We will try to meet on the first Wednesday of the month.
16. Any other business
None
17. Public input
None
18. Adjourn, confirm next meeting date (Oct. 6 if Julius can reserve that)
Meeting adjourned at 6:42, Wayne moves, Bob 2nd.