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10/6/21
Meeting Minutes
6:00PM

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

Absent Members:

Staff Present: Julius Peel, Land Use Department

Members of the Public:

Public Meeting Minutes

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

Deb McCormack will sit in as a full-time member until appointed by the BOS.

2. Approve 9/13/21 meeting minutes

Virginia noted that she had spoken with Julius prior to the meeting about some errors. Julius has corrected those errors.

Steve Panish makes a motion to accept the minutes with amendments, Wayne Sylvester seconded. All in favor with Deb McCormack abstains.

3. CRLPC update- Casey Road Celebration on October 9:
 - a. Plan photo for Cynthia

Virginia noted that at the previous meeting they would like to do a photo shoot for Cynthia Wyatt. This would begin at 9. Charlie Karcher, Jon Nute and Paul Blanc all expressed that they would have an interest in this.

- b. Confirm final plans – who brings what, who does what, last minute tasks?



Julius Peel will print 20 or so Casey Road maps for the event. Deb noted that she has a few easels, proper backing for the maps and ribbons. Deb noted that she could bring speakers to allow for amplification of sound. Bob explained that he would bring cups and McKenzie's cider. Virginia noted that they will need to put a bit of work into the plexy glass display. Virginia asked if Steve could prepare a donation box. He said this was something that could be done.

- c. any specific strategies to prevent Covid transmission?

The commission explained that they would like to explain at the hearing proper spacing and protection methods to prevent the spread of the virus.

4. Review Wetlands Permit Applications if any
No wetlands permit.

5. Chris Kane preliminary monitoring report – continuing issues to address

- Nute FMP and timber harvest

No issues, but Virginia noted that she would like to contact Jon Nute about a timber harvest workshop. She explained that Jon had explained a few different dates that would work for the tour and asked the commission if they would like to pick a date. The Commission discussed the topic and historic walks of the lot. The Commission agreed that the December 4th would be the most appropriate date. They agreed that 9-11 AM would be the best timeframe for them.

- Erosion at Spring Brook Rd easement

Virginia noted that she had contacted Brian Boyers about the topic. She explained that Brian Boyers had gone to the property and seen landscaping on the location but couldn't find the issue. Chris Kane had taken photos of the location, but had not given the photos to Brian yet.

- Boundaries of Ball property

Virginia noted that she had not pursued this boundary problem yet, but would work with Rich on this topic later.

6. Financial Report, budget, invoices

Steve noted that since nothing was paid last month, then there is no change for this. He noted that they need to approve the September minutes so that Deb can be

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paid. He noted that Norway Plains invoice of \$513.75 needs to be approved along with the NH Association of Conservation Commissions annual membership fees.

Steve Motion to approve the Norway Plains and NH Association of Conservation Commission invoices. Seconded by Wayne Sylvester. All in favor.

Virginia explained that they should expect a bill from Chris Kane regarding and the UNH water monitoring bill which is roughly \$1,000. The commission discussed possible expenditures from this year and 2020 expenditures.

Wayne Sylvester motions to approve the expenditure report, Bob seconds. All in favor, approving the expenditure report.

7. Update on Sam Plummer Rd Culvert Project

Steve explained that they had met with department heads, DES and Trout Unlimited to discuss the grant application. Steve noted that he really thinks that this increased the chances of the project being approved. Virginia stated that Joel from Trout unlimited was there along with three abutters who were in favor of the project.

8. Placeholder: Status of 3.04-acre parcel referenced by tax/lot : 41/81.

No update

9. Educational Outreach Committee update, including MCC FB page

Jen King explained that she would take the role as chair of the education sub-committee when Virginia became chair of the MCC. Jen King's update is that the video created by the sub-committee was on average watched about halfway through. Jen's update also noted the location where the video was posted. Jen King also explained that she had contacted the Nute School teachers to determine if they could show their students as a way to increase awareness.

10. Recruitment of Commission members

The Commission noted that there were a few members that they would like to recruit, but it would take a few meetings before they could join.

11. Virginia reports on 'Fundamentals of CCs' Webinar – there were lots of technical problems but some good information

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Virginia discussed that she had watched the webinar and expressed that although there was a lot of technical issues, the materials were very valuable to the commissioners.

She stated that one thing she learned is that the CC is responsible for a maintaining the natural resources inventory of the community. Virginia explained that the commission should review the Master plan to find the list of wetlands within the community that has already been recorded. Virginia explained that when they have more time for the meeting she will explain more to the commission.

12. Any other business

The commission discussed the Walter Cheney project and discussed the MCC minutes mentioned at the meeting. From there they discussed the annual Conservation Commission seminar held annually.

Rochelle George asked Virginia if she could host a full moon walk at the Casey Road Conservation land. The commission discussed the topic and expressed that it is a public location and that they think this would be a good use for the area.

13. Public input

14. Confirm next meeting date (now regularly at 6pm on first Wednesday of month)

The commission agreed with this date of November 3rd.

15. Adjourn

Wayne motions to adjourn the meeting, Deb Seconds. All in favor. The motion passes adjourning the meeting.