

**Milton Conservation Commission
October 10, 2017
Meeting Minutes**

Members in Attendance: Karen Golab, Cynthia Wyatt, Wayne Sylvester Alt., Paul Blanc, Steve Panish,
Also in attendance Dana Crossley, Land Use Clerk
Excused Members: Eric Knapp
Public in Attendance: Kari Lygren, Patti Burns

Chairman Wyatt called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm
W. Sylvester was brought to the board as a full voting member in place of E. Knapp.

MMRG Discussion: Chairman Wyatt introduced Patti Burns and Kari Lygren of Moose Mountain Regional Greenways (noted she is a member also), they attended to discuss different aspects of the Casey Road Property, the benefits of a conservation easement, (K. Golab asked if MMRG does forestry classes. K. Lygren replied they are always looking to do things like that and if the conservation commission wants to they would just need to reach out and let her know) discussed the issues of bike riding being allowed on an easement. Discussed preliminary Casey Road Budget for MMRG holding the easement on the property. K. Golab asked if the budget included the other two additional properties or just the Casey Road properties. Patti Burns replied that the preliminary budget does include all three properties, not including the additional properties would not change the budget by a significant amount. Patti Burns presented to the board the Moose Mountain Regional Greenways Conservation Action plan, provided two maps showing local conservation priorities and MMRG conservation priorities in Milton. The board thanked Patti and Kari for their time and presentation.

Approval of Minutes: 5/8/17 (can be approved without the quorum of people there, approve that they reflect a meeting and no errors) W. Sylvester motioned to approve the 5/8/17 minutes as written, P. Blanc seconds the motion. All in favor, 5/8/17 minutes approved. S. Panish moves to approve 9/11/17 with addition that the 5/8/17 minutes were tabled. P. Blanc seconds the motion, all in favor (K. Golab abstained) minutes approved.

Public Input: None

Casey Road Land Protection Project Committee Update: The advice from legal council is to ask the Planning Board to revoke the subdivision on the 11.5 acres, Chairman Wyatt presented to the Selectmen their plan for the parcel to get permission to go before the Planning Board and move forward, permission granted.

Discuss Unresolved Encroachments:

- *Lyman Brook House encroachment: next steps, follow up on meeting with Housers:* P. Blanc met with the Housers again and they reviewed the different plan options, showed to the Housers the one the ground plan for redemption of the conservation easement, he is putting together the plan with the meets and bounds with the photographs to justify the change. Board discussed what potential costs there will be involved with the plans. The plans just need to be put together, Housers will need to sign off on the amended change, and then it will be sent to the AG's office. S. Panish will draft a memo of understanding, the board will send it for review by the attorney.

Potential Conservation Projects: Need Action Plan for the following

- *Update on Casey Road Conservation area project—41/68, 11.5 acres already addressed.*

- *41/64 (42 acres) Letter sent to Emad Labadidi on June 9th : K. Golab suggested waiting till spring to possibly send another letter to him.*
- *Discuss: Town owned properties voted by warrant article to be placed under conservation easement: Old Ski Area, and Payne/Jones Brook Park. The commission should look for conservation easement holder for town owned Spaulding property: no additional comments.*

Treasurer's Report: S. Panish moves to approve the \$252 to Mitchell Municipal Group from Legal Fund. K. Golab second. All in favor, motion carried.

S. Panish moves to pay \$100 to TPPA for membership dues. K. Golab seconds motion, All in favor, motion carried.

S. Panish moves to pay \$333 to NHACC membership dues. K. Golab seconds the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Chairman Wyatt brought up the fact that MMRG is requesting to increase the donation for the easement from \$10,000 to \$20,000. Board members were agreement. S. Panish motions to increase the previously authorized \$10,000 dollar donation for the Casey Road Easement to MMRG to \$20,000 from the Conservation Fund. K. Golab seconds the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Other Business: K. Golab requested that for the winter months the board meet a half hour earlier. Board was in agreement to hold meetings starting at 6pm for the dark winter months.

Board received and reviewed informational letter from UNH cooperative extension about the invasive insect emerald ash borer that has been found in Strafford County. Board requested that the information be posted at Town Hall.

Board received and noted that the New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commissions Conference is on Saturday November 4th.

Board received and reviewed wetlands permit by notification for a retaining wall repair and replacement at 186 St. James. No action required.

Board received and reviewed a Notice of Incomplete Permit by Notification form for 177 Micah Terrace. No Action required.

Board received and reviewed a shoreland impact permit 2017-02282 for 294 St. James. No action required.

Board received and reviewed a notice of incomplete permit by notification for 186 St. James. No action required.

Board received and reviewed a shoreland impact permit 2017-02511 for 233 Micah Terrace. No action required.

Board received and reviewed a shoreland impact permit 2017-02651 for 65 Lakeside. No action required.

Board received and reviewed a wetlands permit by notification for retaining wall repair and replacement at 177 Micah Terrace. No action required.

Adjournment: K. Golab motions to adjourn, W. Sylvester seconds the motion, all in favor meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dana Crossley
Land Use Clerk