## Milton Conservation Commission PO Box 310 Milton, NH 03851 July 10, 2017 Meeting Minutes

Members in Attendance: Cynthia Wyatt, Karen Golab, Paul Blanc, Steve Panish, Wayne Sylvester (Alt)

Virginia Long (Alt) Also in attendance Dana Crossley, Land Use Clerk

Excused Members: Eric Knapp,

Public in Attendance:

Chairman Wyatt called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

Chairman Wyatt brought W. Sylvester to the board as a full voting member for E. Knapp.

<u>Approve 5/8/17 and 6/12/17 minutes:</u> 5/8/17 minutes were tabled due to a lack of quorum. 6/12/17 minutes changes: add the public attendance, McAllster is spelt 'McAlister', add 'Belinda Hemeon's info to contact her later' after 'took down' in public comment. S. Panish moves to approve with changes, K. Golab seconds the motion, all in favor minutes approved with changes.

Public Input: No comment.

Casey Road Land Protection Project Committee Update: D. Crossley reported to the board that she had reached out to the Fire Chief to see if the Fire Department could do a practice burn on the buildings, after giving him the information he explained that it would be a violation with DES to do a burn, they are the ones that regulate the practice burns and have stipulations that need to be met in order to do that and these sheds do not. Board discussed the possibility of getting volunteer's to do the work of removing the buildings or if they wanted to pay for Public Works to do the work. Board discussed contacting a demolition company to get a quote from them. The board decided to reach out to contractors to get quotes on demos

K. Golab sent a letter to MMRG with all the information of Casey Road with maps, they are having a site walk on Monday July 17<sup>th</sup> at the property and there is a Stewardship and Land Committee meeting with MMRG that evening.

## Discuss Unresolved Encroachments:

- Lyman Brook House encroachment: next steps, follow up on meeting with Houser's: P. Blanc talked with the lady from Lyman Brook that attended the last meeting in regards to an encroachment letter they received a few years ago, still needs to look at property, but did explain that she should still mow her leach field. P. Blanc and Charlie Karcher are meeting with the Houser's tomorrow (7/11/17) to show the owners what the lot line adjustment will be to meet the AG's requirements to fix the encroachment on Rookery Road. Chairman Wyatt stressed that it is important for these home owners to know that the easements are a legal document and the State/AG's office will enforce the easements, they are the ones who approved the encroachment resolution, they will need to know when the line has been adjusted. Board discussed having a letter of agreement drawn up once they meet with the home owners. Chairman Wyatt asked the secretary to reach out to Attorney Sessler to see if he thinks there should be a letter of agreement between the home owners and the Conservation Commission.
- Ball Encroachment: review letter: Board reviewed the letter for the Ball encroachment, board decided to hold off on sending the letter as Chris Kane has been working on the monitoring of the Ball Easement this year. Will wait to see the monitoring report for this year and move forward with the letter if necessary.

- Board discussed sending letters to the abutters of the easements once the monitoring reports have been completed to let them know the reports are available to be reviewed.
- The board discussed what to do next in regards to the Lyman Brook lawsuit, Chairman Wyatt asked S. Panish to reach out to Atty Sessler to find out what role the Conservation Commission needs to play in the process, if there should be a lien placed on the property and other steps needed to be taken.

## Potential Conservation Projects: Need action plan for the following:

- Update on Casey Rd Conservation area project—41/68, 11.5 acres: Kathy Wallingford is working with the Attorney to get in touch with the land owners who still have interest in the land to release their interest back to the town.
- 41/64 (42 acres) Letter sent to Emad Labadidi on June 9<sup>th</sup>: Board still has not received a response from the outreach to Labadidi.
- Discuss: Town owned properties voted by warrant article to be placed under conservation easement: Old Ski Area and Payne/Jones Brook Park. The MCC should look for a conservation easement holder for town owned Spaulding Property: Tabled for now, still looking into finding a local land trust to hold the easements. Board discussed the possibility of donating the properties to a land trust, this would relieve the town of paying for the monitoring fee.

<u>Treasurer's Report:</u> S. Panish commented that he did not have a Treasurer's report for this month's meeting. Board received a bill from SRPC for maps, S. Panish moves to pay SRPC \$78.75 from the conservation fund. K. Golab seconds the motion. All in favor, motion approved.

Other Business: V. Long brought up that someone may want to walk with Patti Burns on the 17<sup>th</sup> prior to the meeting with the Stewardship and Lands Committee, board members suggested to have Charlie Ek be the one to walk with her on the property. Patti Burns has welcomed one of the members to present something to the Stewardship and Lands Committee, decided they will reach out to her to see if they should have slides prepared or if being there to answer questions is adequate.

S. Panish motions to adjourn, K. Golab seconds the motion. All in favor, meeting adjourned00 at 7:54pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dana Crossley Land Use Clerk