Milton Conservation Commission PO Box 310 Milton, NH 03851 March 13, 2017 Meeting Minutes

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

Also in attendance Dana Crossley, Land Use Clerk Excused Members: Barry Carr (Alt.) Eric Knapp

Public in Attendance: None

Chairman Wyatt called the meeting to order at 6:36pm.

W. Sylvester was brought to the board as a full voting member to sit for excused member E. Knapp.

<u>Approval of Minutes:</u> January 9, 2017 meeting minutes, K. Golab motions to approve the January 9th minutes, W. Sylvester seconds the motion. All in favor, minutes approved. February 22, 2017 meeting minutes, W. Sylvester motions to approve February 22 minutes, K. Golab seconds the motion, all in favor (S. Panish abstained) minutes approved.

Public Input: No public.

<u>Discuss Chris Kane interest and review credentials to replace Darrell DeTour:</u> The board reviewed the information provided by Chris Kane, such as the proposed price schedule. **S. Panish moves to approve Chris Kane as the monitoring agent and pay the proposed fees of 'Not to exceed \$920 for the Fee properties' and 'not to exceed \$1,640 for the conservation easements' from the Conservation Monitoring Fund.**

Board Discussion: K. Golab commented as long as there are no additional charges. Chairman Wyatt commented that Darrell DeTour had suggested doing the fee properties every other year. S. Panish suggested that each member could walk one of the properties. Chairman Wyatt commented that the only issue is that there are some encroachments on the fee properties, some of those properties also need to have signs posted. P. Blanc touched on the GPS and GIS mapping that C. Kane said that he worked with.

K. Golab seconds the motion. All in favor, board approved to have Chris Kane as the new contracted monitor.

- S. Panish moves to approve up to an additional \$1000 for completing signage on Jones Brook Park, Payne Property, Old Ski Area, Current/Frisselle and Dames Brook from the Conservation Monitoring Fund. K. Golab seconds the motion. All in favor, motion passed.
- D. Crossley will contact Chris Kane to get an I-9, Certificate of Insurance, Official Contract and sign posting proposal.

<u>Discuss following up with PB re: Final Draft of the NR Master Plan Update:</u> D. Crossley let the board know the Planning Board has received a copy of the NR Chapter. And it will be on their list of to do for the year.

<u>Casey Road Land Protection Project Committee Update:</u> Chairman Wyatt commented that they plan to get the OK from the Selectmen to be an official committee and then have decided to approach MMRG to see if they will accept the donated easement, they would like to go to MMRG with a financial commitment from the Conservation Commission. Chairman Wyatt and K. Golab updated the board on the fundraising plan that they have. They have estimated that they will need to raise \$30,000, the majority is to cover stewardship, and other costs such as the baseline and legal costs. **S. Panish motions to approve \$10,000 to donate to the Casey Rd Conservation Project from the Conservation Fund. P. Blanc seconds the motion. Board Vote 4 (in favor) (1 abstained). Motion Passed.**

Discuss issues that Darrell DeTour's pointed out in his monitoring reports, act on encroachments.

- AG gave the okay to proceed with lot line adjustment for Lyman Brook house encroachment. Discuss next steps. S. Panish spoke with the new owner, he is going to meet with the owner and discuss the proposed change and the monitoring process.
- *Ball encroachment*. Board discussed the dumping and asked D. Crossley to look at who the owners are.
- Follow up with Atty Sessler to amend the Tournas deed to reflect the lot line adjustment. Darrell noted encroachments on this property.
- Erosion of Casey Rd. to Lyman Brook
- *Update the Index file and create files to include:*
 - Since the MCC holds the executory interest to the Zaeder-Thayer conservation easement, maintain a file and update index of the yearly SELT monitoring reports
 - MCC is required to send yearly monitoring report to SELT as executory holder of Current/Frisselle easement
 - o MCC is required to send yearly monitoring report to MMRG for 2 Nute easements.

Follow up filing both hard copies and creation of back up on thumb drive for all docs. Need volunteer to organize our files and to ensure they are complete at office and off site. Chairman Wyatt stated this could be taken off the agenda.

Potential conservation projects—need action plan on the following: no comment

- Casey Rd conservation area project—41/68, 11.5 acres has not paid taxes since 2013, taken by tax deed in October2016. Last payment made was 2008. Deeded by the Town of Milton (October 2013). Discuss follow up with legal process regarding whether this can be included in the conservation easement of the abutting 73 acres.
- Discuss status of town owned 41/69 (by tax deed) 5 lot subdivision abutting 41/68
- 41/64 (42 acres) across the river and abutting Evergreen Valley subdivision owned by Mr. Labadidi and current on taxes.
- 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 also look for a conservation easement holder for town owned Spaulding property.
- Teneriffe Mt. Rd property

<u>Treasurer's Report:</u> S. Panish reported that he sent out the 4th quarter 2016 report to the board, at the end of the year the Conservation Fund has roughly one hundred thirty one thousand dollars and he knows that they have already spent about 10,000 more than that. S. Panish requested to the get a breakdown of the bills that come from the Conservation Fund. D. Crossley will get that report for him. D. Crossley informed the board that the Sessler bill for \$8,147.10 that at last month's meeting the board approved it to be paid from the Conservation Fund Legal, part of that bill can be paid from the Conservation's town budget, \$2,291.80 will be paid from 01-4243-320 (legal expense line) and \$5,855.30 will be paid from the Conservation Legal Fund. The board had no issue with this.

Nonpublic 'E': Did not enter

Other Business: Les Elder sent a letter of the board informing them of a Lake Host Payroll Grant Program. Board discussed the grant. W. Sylvester reported that TPPA pays \$1.50 for each boat for inspections, they have wash stations at the Town Beach, Everrete's Cove, and Mi-Te-Jo Campground. W. Sylvester discussed European Naiad updates. The grant would need to be submitted by March 20th, the board while would support the grant decided there was not enough time to submit a grant at this time.

3.13.17 MCC

Board received and reviewed DES request for more information on the Town of Milton Townhouse culvert project. No action required.

Board received and reviewed Underwood's response to the request from DES for more information on the Town of Milton Townhouse culvert project. No action required. Board questioned if it would have any effect on the European Naiad.

K. Golab motions to adjourn, P. Blanc seconds the motion, all in favor meeting adjourned at 7:53pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dana Crossley Land Use Clerk