

**Milton Conservation Commission
PO Box 310
Milton, NH 03851
January 9, 2017
Meeting Minutes**

Members in Attendance: Cynthia Wyatt, Karen Golab, Barry Carr, Steve Panish Also in attendance Dana Crossley, Land Use Clerk
Excused Members: Eric Knapp, Paul Blanc, Steve Baker

Public in Attendance: Wayne Sylvester, Darrell DeTour

Chairman Wyatt called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm.
B. Carr was brought to the board as a full voting member.

Approve 11/28/16 minutes: S. Panish motions to approve the minutes as written. K. Golab seconds the motion. All in favor. Minutes approved.

Public Input: No public input.

Review and approve NR Master Plan update. *Once approved, draft a letter to PB to inform of the approved update and request to discuss at PB meeting for public hearings to approve.* The board discussed reviewing the NR Master Plan update. S. Panish asked for the word document version of the draft in order to fix minor errors. The board discussed some editing changes that need to be made. Chairman Wyatt mentioned her concern that there should be Steep Slopes Ordinance. Chairman Wyatt will draft a letter to the Planning Board to find a time to go to the meeting with this information.

Casey Road Land Protection Project Committee Update: No comment.

Discuss possible replacement for Darrell DeTour: Darrell DeTour attended the meeting to discuss with the board possible replacement plans for a monitor. He provided the board with a list of the lands that he has been monitoring for them. D. DeTour commented that he understands the board is having a difficulty finding someone to replace him, he suggested that for now they could try to find someone to take care of just the Easement Properties and leave out the Fee-Owned Properties for now. The board discussed with D. DeTour which easements need to be specifically watched and which have shown little trouble. They noted that the snowmobile trail should be watched on the Frizzell easement once the gas station is put in. One of the possible solutions was suggested monitoring half of the easements every other year. S. Panish suggested that in the future sending out letters to inform land owners to let them know when the monitor will be walking the easements. D. DeTour suggested that they could even invite the land owners to go on the walk with them. D. DeTour mentioned to the board that on the fee owned properties he did not do the original baseline on the Jones Brook, Payne Parcel or the Old Ski Area, so he did not put signage up on those, Current-Frisselle and Dames Brook also do not have signs. Frizzell, Lancy Ward, Lyman Brook, The Nute Properties, Spring Brook, Wallace Way, Spaulding Turnpike and Ball Property he did put signs up on, this needs to be checked periodically. He mentioned that the flagging is beneficial as well. D. DeTour offered to help out answering questions to whomever takes over the monitoring.
B. Carr left at 6:58pm.

Discuss issues that Darrell DeTour's pointed out in his monitoring reports, act on encroachments: No comment on the following monitoring reports and encroachments.

- *Check with AG regarding Lyman Brook house encroachment*
- *Ball encroachment*

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- *Follow up with Atty. Sessler to change the Tournas deed to reflect the lot line adjustment. Darrell noted encroachments on this property.*
- *Erosion of Casey Rd. to Lyman Brook (if it's in the part that's not a class 5 road. Pat would need direction from Selectmen to fix erosion. If it is on the road then Pat will address the issue. Wouldn't be able to do anything till summer anyways)*

Follow up filing both hard copies and creation of back up on thumb drive of all docs. Need volunteer to organize our files and to ensure they are complete at office and off site: No comment.

Potential conservation projects: Need action plan for the following: No comment on Conservation Projects

- *Casey Rd conservation area project: 41/68, 11.5 acres has not paid taxes since 2013, taken by tax deed in October 2016. Last payment made was 2008. Deeded by the Town of Milton (October 2013) Discuss pursuing the legal process regarding whether this can be included in the conservation easement of the abutting 73 acres. (Advised to not put into 73 acres. As there is already an easement on the property)*
- *Discuss status of town owned 41/69 (by tax deed) 5 lot subdivision abutting 41/68: (cannot be added to the 73 acres. Could possibly be added to conservation land in subdivision with approval from Selectmen. Need to talk to them.)*
- *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 conservation easement holder for town owned Spaulding property:*
- *Teneriffe Mt. Rd. Property:*

Treasurer's Report: S. Panish reported that he has not done 4th quarter yet, but everything through the 3rd quarter is correct to his knowledge. He noted that he needs the end of year expenditure reports.

S. Panish motions to pay the Sessler bill of \$2,291.80 and the second bill from Darrell DeTour \$562.00, (2,500) from the legal fund line of the 2017 town budget and the remaining from the conservation legal fund. K. Golab seconds the motion. All in favor.

The board received their yearly request to renew membership with the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests (SPNHF) and agreed that they had decided to pay the \$100 option for membership and dues.

Nonpublic "E": K. Golab motions to enter non-public under 'e'. S. Panish seconds the motion. Board entered into non-public at 7:36 pm. K. Golab motions to leave non-public. S. Panish seconds the motion. Board left non public at 7:59.

K. Golab motions to adjourn, S. Panish seconds the motion. All in favor, meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dana Crossley
Land Use Clerk