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**Meeting Minutes**  
**December 10, 2018**  
**6:00 PM**

Members in Attendance: Karen Golab, Steve Panish, Andrew Rawson, Wayne Sylvester, Cynthia Wyatt

Excused Members: Paul Blanc

Public Attendance: Ryan Thibeault

Chairman Wyatt called the meeting to order at 6:03pm.

Chairman Wyatt appointed W. Sylvester as a full voting member.

Public Input: None

Review & Recommendation re: Sale of Town Owned Per RSA 41:14-a Plummer's Ridge Old School House M22 L17 & L19: Ryan Thibeault representing the Milton Historical Society attended the meeting to answer any questions the board would have in regards to the proposal of the Historical Society buying the Old School House and move to lot 19. Explained that the Town has put out for bid to have the blue house on lot 19 demolished, then have a warrant article to sell the lot and the School House building (then move school to empty lot), the plan is to restore the School House and use the School House as the Historical Societies main base of operation, this lot would allow them to have septic and water which their current building in Milton Mills does not have accessibility for. R. Thibeault explained that the lot that the School House is currently on does not have adequate access to allow for easy accessibility and parking.

Chairman Wyatt noted that she supported actions like this that encourages exploring Milton and retaining historic buildings. A. Rawson noted that he supported this effort as well, curious to where the revenue for the project would come from, understands that the Historical Society struggles with revenue and volunteers.

R. Thibeault replied that the Historical Society is still hurting for membership, Christa Main is the president of the Historical Society, Laura Dowes is the treasurer and Susan Marique is the secretary, working to get back on their feet and straightening out paperwork, have briefly discussed fundraising but at this point have no solid plan, working on a more defined plan for the restoration with a contractor who has experience working with historic restorations.

K. Golab questioned what the warrant article was asking. R. Thibeault replied that it is if the Town approves selling the building and lot to the Historical Society. A. Rawson asked if it was explored going to the Farm Museum, R. Thibeault explained it was but since it is not farm related they could not take it on.

S. Panish motions that the Conservation Commission supports the sale of the school house and property across the street for \$1, K. Golab seconds the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Casey Road Land Protection Committee Update: K. Golab explained that they did not receive the Moose Plate Grant, next step is to pursue asking for \$5,000 warrant article, and then looking for ways to raise the remaining \$10,000 needed, were hoping to be able to put the property into the easement in the spring but ultimately will be looking at ways to raise the remaining funds. One of the fundraising events they are looking to do is a 'doggie walk' in the woods in January and that the Milton Vet will sponsor it.

K. Golab noted that they are scheduled on the Selectmen's agenda on the 17<sup>th</sup> for discussion of the warrant article, questioned who will be speaking about the warrant article. Board was in favor of having K. Golab speak to the warrant article.

K. Golab noted she did speak with the Town Administrator about the Liberty Circle letter and that it was still under review with Legal, they are short staffed at the moment.

W. Sylvester noted that the trails were blazed a week ago roughly to Lyman Brook. Discussion of naming the trails will come at a later date.

Approval of Minutes: September 10, 2018 meeting minutes: S. Panish moves to approve the minutes of 9/10/18, A. Rawson seconds the motion all in favor, motion carried.

K. Golab motions to approve the November 13, 2018 meeting minutes, W. Sylvester seconds the motion (S. Panish & A. Rawson abstained) All in favor, motion carried.

Follow Up: Trout Unlimited Colin Lawson Salmon Falls Flood Resiliency Workshop: Chairman Wyatt noted that Colin Lawson supplied tentative dates of January 22 and February 5<sup>th</sup>, looking to have Planning Board, Selectmen and Conservation members attend these meetings. Looking for match in kind of donated time, and could potentially donate from the conservation fund. Board discussed encumbering some funds out of the budget for this effort.

W. Sylvester questioned if there is a culvert that meets the issues in Town. D. Crossley noted that Trout Unlimited was in town the week prior working on mapping a culvert on Sam Plummer.

Rookery Road Encroachment Status Update:

- Surveyor Status Update & Re-approve Contract Amount- D. Crossley informed the board that the RFQ came in \$250 higher than what was originally approved.
- K. Golab motions to approve the contract and have the chairman sign with McEneaney Survey Associates for \$4750 to do the work for 20 Rookery Lane and 36 Heron Circle.
- D. Crossley will send an update letter to the Houser's to let them know a survey contract has been signed and work will be starting in the near future.

Discussion of Encroachment Status: Cynthia Balcius of Stoney Ridge Environmental submitted the Restoration Monitoring Report for 36 Heron Circle shows the final restoration monitoring of the wetlands repairs. At this time 36 Heron Circle is on its way to complete restoration, the one remaining outstanding item is the Pool.

For the 34 Heron Circle, need to ask for an official report.

Potential Conservation Projects: *Old Ski Area, Payne/Jones Brook Park* Tabled.

Treasurer's Report: D. Crossley reminded S. Panish that the CC budget needs to be presented to the budget committee on the 11<sup>th</sup> of this month.

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Nonpublic Session RSA 91-A:3 II(c): Not Entered.

Other Business: Board received and reviewed a notice sent by Varney Engineering that informs the board they are filing an application with NHDES to repair an eroding banking on the property abutting the Town owned Conservation Property. No action needed, board will receive shoreland permit when it has been filed.

K. Golab motions to adjourn, S. Panish seconds the motion all in favor, meeting adjourned at 7:04pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dana Crossley  
Land Use Clerk