

Milton Conservation Commission
PO Box 310
Milton, NH 03851
January 11, 2016
Meeting Minutes

Members in Attendance: Eric Knapp, Karen Golab, Steve Panish, Paul Blanc, Cynthia Wyatt Also in attendance Dana Smith, Land Use Clerk

Missing Members: Steve Baker

Public in Attendance: Kyle Pimentel of SRPC

Chairman Wyatt called the meeting to order at 6:05pm.

Chairman Wyatt brought E. Knapp to the board as a voting member for the meeting.

Public Comment: No Comment.

Master Plan Update: Kyle Pimentel attended the meeting to discuss with the board the revision update of the Natural Resource Chapter. The board also planned to look at the Master Plan's current Vision Statement along with a draft update from Gerald Coogan and discuss with K. Pimentel. K. Pimentel passed out to the board a document of what he has been working on since they last met. He explained the work that he has been doing, he has taken all of the recommendations and all the principles and with this information he associated them with the resource types, then provided background on those types of resources. The first section he brought for the board's review pertains to surface water features. K. Pimentel explained he has worked off the recommendations that already exist in the current Master Plan. He started by laying out the information and providing information on the surface water features in Milton, he suggested that if there is going to be a policy statement it should be a simple statement, 1 to 2 sentences, right at the beginning. K. Pimentel continued to describe the main overview depicted in the document the board was to review. The points made in the document were what he felt made an attempt to back up the recommendations made in the Master Plan, SRPC has found in Master Plan's for the recommendations, if they are not supported by science or something upfront it is harder to get buy ins and it allows committees to be able to trim down and be more focused and specific. As per the request of the board K. Pimentel worked through the goals and fit them into the categories so that it would be more focused. He explained that the way the sections would be laid out would include all the goals, recommendations and back up information that fit in with the category. He asked the board to look over the document to see what they think should be in there and what does not need to be included for example in section to 'to adopt a local shore land protection overlay district that would meet the States rules to ensure the protection of water quality.' K. Pimentel commented that he's not sure they still need to do that since there is an adopted shore land protection overlay at this time, adopted in 2014 that encompasses all waters. Chairman Wyatt responded that as discussed during previous meetings this ordinance no longer requires a permit which takes the enforcement out of the ordinance, because without the permit it is hard to know when the ordinance needs to be enforced. K. Pimentel commented that Milton's shore land ordinance is more stringent than most that he sees, most towns rely on the State's regulation. E. Knapp suggested that the Master Plan says to enforce the shore land protection rather than adopt it. The board continued to discuss with K. Pimentel the shore land ordinance along with impervious coverage. K. Pimentel suggests the change of a recommendation on measuring impervious coverage by the parcels rather than the town as an entirety. E. Knapp asked if it was possible to get the data on the Town's current impervious coverage, K. Pimentel responded it can be provided in 3 different time frames, showing impervious data for the past 30 years. E. Knapp questioned on non-water based resources, as in the forests, trails etc. K. Pimentel replied those will be covered in the other sections, the section for discussion at this meeting is the surface water section. He wanted to check in with the board to see if the work is heading in the direction that the board likes and has provided the information they are looking for.

The board agreed that the work so far is excellent. E. Knapp emphasized that the biggest problem he had when reviewing the current Natural Resource Chapter was that it is a jumble of recommendations that are not explained to as why they are important, the draft K. Pimentel produced puts the weight on the why the recommendations are important. S. Panish thinks a goal should be to preserve the water front land that is left that is undeveloped.

The board discussed the vision of the Master Plan. K. Pimentel noted the items from the vision statement that jumped out to him as a recurring theme, protection of local drinking water supplies, Milton Three Ponds, lakes, streams, wetlands, open spaces, forest, agricultural land, maintaining rural character, quality of life, scenic views, and the promotion of low impact development. He added that he does not know how the board wants to move forward with the vision, he found the items listed were some of the bullets that he thought could be put together as three or four sentences to frame the overall vision statement that encompasses everything they want to do. E. Knapp noted that the vision and land use is not necessarily in the Conservation Commission's prevue, it is the Planning Boards, and he continued that he does not think the master plan should promote a singular project.

K. Pimentel noted that very rarely in Master Plan Vision statements does SPRC see specific projects or site specific, an umbrella view is advised. Future land use section is used to take in information from every other part of the Master Plan. Chairman Wyatt asked if K. Pimentel could get a cost proposal for a membership in the Stratford Regional Planning Commission to the Town Administrator. E. Knapp stated that he would like see the water resources better defined. The board agreed that the work done so far by K. Pimentel is promising and they should take a closer look at the specific areas. Chairman Wyatt asked if the shore land ordinance should be changed. K. Pimentel responded that the recommendation in the Master Plan should be changed, since it has been adopted already. K. Pimentel will reach out to Jack Metty who worked on the shore land protection ordinance to see what information he has. He asked who plans to be on the committee. Chairman Wyatt noted that she would, E. Knapp volunteered and S. Panish noted that he would also work on the committee as well. They plan to ask the Planning Board if any members would be willing to work on the subcommittee. K. Pimentel will in the future send the document in word format to allow for comments on the document.

Approval of Minutes: December 14, 2015 meeting minutes. 'DES should be changed to EPA under the Master Plan update and add basin after storm water' 'add in the motion to pay the UNH cooperative extension 'for water testing of Milton Three Ponds ' 'under other business change face to fact'. K. Golab motions to approve the minutes with changes. E. Knapp seconds the motion, all in favor (P. Blanc abstained) December 14, 2015 minutes approved.

Darrell Detour's monitoring of conservation properties: Chairman Wyatt reported that Darrell Detour has health issues currently and will be in touch when he has recovered.

Update from BOS meeting on Warrant Article: K. Golab reported that the BOS approved the warrant article.

Follow up of on/off site files: Chairman Wyatt stated that she will work on it this winter.

CE encroachments: Tournas/Jones Brook Park- Not Discussed

Lyman Brook (20 Rookery Rd)- Chairman Wyatt noted that there has been no word from the Attorney General's office, she will email the office to make sure they have received the information.

Potential Conservation Projects: Casey Rd- Chairman Wyatt noted that Casey Rd is the priority and should start thinking about how to promote it. K. Golab inputted that the Casey Rd Town Forest Comittee did not meet in December and believe that they are meeting this month. Chairman Wyatt suggested that they could do a joint mailing to inform the public, she asked D. Smith to find out if the board could get a

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bulk mailing rate. S. Panish asked if K. Golab can recommend to the Town Forest Committee they make a list of positives for putting the land into conservation.

Treasure's Report: S. Panish reported that the board got the last \$25,000 for the current use payment. S. Panish noted that if anyone would like a change to the spreadsheet to let him know. E. Knapp motions to support the payment of \$42 to Stratford Regional Planning for land use books from the printing/copies line. S. Panish seconds the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

Other Business:

The board received and reviewed Shoreland Impact Permit 2015-01921.

The board received and reviewed a notice of incomplete permit by notification form for retaining walls at tax map 38 lot 53. No action required.

E. Knapp motions to adjourn, K. Golab second the motion. All in favor, meeting ended at 8:04pm.
Respectfully submitted,

Dana Smith
Land Use Clerk