

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

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

Missing Member: Paul Blanc, Barry Carr Alternate

Public in Attendance: Les Elder, Colleen Bessette, Andy Rawson, Jack Savage, Patti Connaughlon-Burns, Craig Lancey, Kari Lygren

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

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

Joint Meeting with the Milton Forest Committee, Discussion of Properties 41/64 and 41/68

The Casey Road Town Forest Committee (TFC) members that attended the meeting introduced themselves. Patti Burns and Jack Savage of Moose Mountain Regional Greenways attended the meeting to give the boards some direction the easement process through their commission. Discussion was held between the Conservation Commission, Forest Committee and MMRG members on what the intent for the Casey Rd Town Forest is, how the easement process works and what the responsibilities on both ends are. K. Golab explained that the since the committee is new to the process they are looking for guidance for the steps to get to their end goal. She explained the committee's main goal is to have the land available for the community to use for recreation, more natural recreation like pedestrian traffic and recreation, non-motorized recreation. C. Bessette added that at the TFC's next meeting the board members were to bring what they would personally like the land to have and vote on it at the meeting. J. Savage commented that part of the easement process is knowing the goals for the property and also what are the greatest fears for the property in the next generation is, what they want to still be there. K. Golab replied that they want to prevent the land from being developed. J. Savage responded that an easement does not stop the land from being sold but does limit the owner on what they can do with the land, the easement stays with the land regardless of the owner. Moose Mountain Regional Greenway already works currently with the Town by holding the Nute Easement. K. Golab asked if they partner with MMRG what roles would they play and what would be expected from the committee. J. Savage replied that long term MMRG's role as a conservation organization is to hold the easement rights, the rights to subdivide and develop would be conveyed to the conservation organization, there will be a conservation easement deed, the town still owns the underlining fee of the property and MMRG is responsible of upholding the terms of the conservation easement deed. He continued that MMRG is responsible to monitor the boundaries and inform the land owner of any violations of the easement. C. Lancey asked how to put in restrictions that aren't too restrictive or too lenient. J. Savage replied that is in part done by defining the usage, defining what recreation is allowed, things can be specifically excluded and it needs to be decided by the committee how much flexibility they want the people to have and it will be monitored by MMRG. He commented further that the town and committee would be responsible for the managing and maintaining of the land, such as creation of trails, but MMRG would like the opportunity to lead public hikes on the property. K. Golab asked how involved they are in the easement development process. J. Savage replied very hands on. K. Golab asked if it was too early to get a ball park figure for MMRG to be the easement holder. J. Savage replied the things that cost money that would go into the fee legal documents drawn up with lawyers, up to date survey, cost in drafting the easement, MMRG requires an easement stewardship endowment. C. Bessette added that her understanding was they were going to decide on uses and then look at proposals because ultimately everything needs to be approved by the Board of Selectmen. Chairman Wyatt pointed out to look at the signs of other conservation easements that lists off allowed uses, allowed use with permission, unpermitted use. The Forest Committee is going to meet later this month for further discussion about the easement and will be in touch with MMRG. The boards thanked Jack and Patti for attending the meeting and providing information.

Public input: None

#### 4.11.16 MCC

Approval of Minutes: March 14, 2016 regular meeting minutes. S. Panish moves to approve, K. Golab seconds the motion, all in favor, minutes approved.

Progress report of NR Update: No comments

Update on European Naiad in NE Pond: S. Baker reported it is still there and that it is in more than just North East Pond, waiting to hear whether Somersworth and Berwick will allow for chemical treatment of the infestation. K. Golab asked if TPPA has the funds to pay for that. S. Baker replied that States of NH and Maine have opted to pay for treatment for the first year.

Update of Darrell Detour and Monitoring: Chairman Wyatt is still waiting to hear more from Darrell.

Follow Up on Files: No comments made.

CE Encroachments: Chairman Wyatt asked Darrell Detour to amend the baseline to show the adjusted and recorded lot line adjustment so that becomes part of the baseline and file. She continued that for the Lyman Brook encroachment they have heard back from the AG's office that they have received the letter but there has been no further word.

#### Potential Conservation Projects:

*Casey Rd Project:* no further comment

41/64: The board discussed if they wanted to reach out to the land owner to see if he was interested in donating the parcel to go into conservation with the Casey Rd parcel. Chairman Wyatt will draft a letter. S. Panish commented that the Forest Committee should think about writing the letter.

41/68: The board discussed that the property has been taken by tax deed but the three years is not up until October.

*Town Owned Properties:* no comment

*Teneriffe Mt. Rd Property:* no comment

#### Treasurer's Report

S. Panish reported that he did not do a report this month, he learned that payments are only taken out of their accounts once per quarter. He will keep track of the accounts so that money is not taken out when it shouldn't be and do the reports quarterly.

S. Panish moves to pay up to \$323.75 to Sessler for the Johnson and Ross case from the Conservation Legal Fund E. Knapp seconds the motion, all in favor, motion passed.

#### Other Business:

The board received and reviewed a letter from DES for Jones Brook Gravel Pits, Project status of Alteration of Terrain Permits. No action required.

The board received and reviewed a shoreland impact permit from DES for Dorothy Stowell to raze two cottages. No action required.

The board received and reviewed a letter from DOT informing the board that they are replacing a guardrail on NH Route 16/Spaulding Turnpike. No action required.

The board received and reviewed a letter from SELT in regards to monitoring the Current parcel.

The board received and reviewed a letter from Town Of Exeter to invite the board to attend Exeter's Healthy lawns-Clean Water Forum.

E. Knapp motions to adjourn, S. Baker seconds the motion meeting adjourned at 8:22pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dana Smith  
Land Use Clerk