

Milton Conservation Commission  
PO Box 310  
Milton, NH 03851  
June 6, 2016  
Meeting Minutes

Members in Attendance: Cynthia Wyatt, Steve Panish, Eric Knapp, Barry Carr, Steve Baker (7:19), Also in attendance Dana Smith, Land Use Clerk  
Absent Members: Paul Blanc, Karen Golab  
Public in Attendance: Joel DeStasio and Sam Burnham of Trout Unlimited

Chairman Wyatt called the meeting to order at 6:32  
Chairman Wyatt brought E. Knapp and B. Carr as full voting members for the meeting.

Public Comment: Joel DeStasio and Sam Burnham of Trout Unlimited NH Division, attended the meeting to inform and discuss with the board a wetlands restoration project that they are proposing to DES, on the Stave property in Milton Mills, with hopes to receive signatures from the board to file an expedited permit. J. DeStasio explained to the board the nature of their work, which is large wood loading, fish habitat restoration. Their work is primarily in the Lamprey River, this site they feel is just as valuable. There are grad students from UNH working with them, who are studying the nutrient cycle and how it is affected, by taking bi-weekly samples. Chairman Wyatt asked how they found out of this property. J. DeStasio explained their connection with the NRCS office in Dover, a process which leads to Trout Unlimited being sub-contracted for restoration work. Another part of the project is not only restoration but also water samples on a bi-weekly basis for the past three years to create a baseline, these samples are submitted to UNH watching the nitrogen and carbon cycles. S. Burnham explained how the process of cutting the woods that are thrown into the streams works, this property in particular had logging done recently and they are trying to open up the tributaries so that there is better flow and fish passage. B. Carr asked if there has been a fish survey done. J. DeStasio replied that he is not sure but he can get back to him. Chairman Wyatt asked how long the property will be monitored afterward. J. DeStasio replied that there is a grad student that will be following this up for a year, and the NRCS will be watching it for a few years. Chairman Wyatt replied that she thinks that the board would like to see the follow up from this project to see how it goes. S. Panish moves to sign for approval of the Stave Wetlands Restoration Project Expedited Permit by Trout Unlimited. E. Knapp seconded the motion. All in favor (4-0) Chairman Wyatt signed the expedited permit.

Discussion of a contract with SRPC for professional mapping services to map and fill out GRANIT forms to ensure that all of Milton's conservation properties are in the GRANIT database: No discussion held

Joint meeting with the Milton Forest Committee-Discussion of status of abutting properties 41/64 and 41/68 and management plans for Casey Rd Forest: No members of the Forest Committee came, discussion postponed.

Approval of Minutes: April 11, 2016 meeting minutes, change trials to trails in the first paragraph. E. Knapp moves to approve the minutes as amended, S. Panish seconds the motion. All in favor, the April 11, 2016 minutes approved. (B. Carr abstained)

Brief progress report of NR Update: No discussion

Update on European Naiad in NE Pond: S. Panish explained that the president of TPPA Norm Turgeon, contacted him to see if the Conservation Commission would be willing to co-host an education/outreach meeting in Milton and Lebanon on June 22 and June 23<sup>rd</sup>. He also asked if the Conservation Commission

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has any funds to donate towards the E-Naiad Survey. Chairman Wyatt asked if D. Smith could try to get more information about co-hosting and how much they are looking for a donation. Chairman Wyatt informed S. Baker of the discussion when he arrived. S. Baker elaborated on the request from Norm of TPPA.

Monitoring Update: Darrell Detour has monitored most properties, properties not yet monitored are Spaulding Turnpike Property, Current Property and Lavalliere. The abutting property owners on the lake to the Ball property are mowing into the conservation lands and lots of dog waste along the shore. Chairman Wyatt will find out the Map and Lot number of the property who is mowing onto the Conservation land.

-Darrell has amended the Jones Brook property to include the lot line adjustment around the shed.

-Update on the status of the 11.5 acres conservation property adjacent to the Casey Rd property. S. Panish does not think that the Town can be the easement holder and the property owner, thinks they should attempt to transfer the property. The board reviewed the Conservation Easement Deed for the property. Chairman Wyatt asked S. Panish to write a letter with the boards concerns, D. Smith will send a reminder of him. The Town cannot monitor a property that they own.

Follow up on Files: tabled

#### CE encroachments:

- Make sure Tournas/Jones Brook Park lot line adjustment recorded plan is filed in the MCC file cabinet and copy to Steve.
- Update re: Lyman Brook home encroachment (20 Rookery Rd) The application to the NHAG with supporting documents were mailed on 12/8/15 and confirmed by the NHAG office as received. No new news.

#### Potential Conservation Projects:

- Casey Rd Project- Discuss the legal opinion regarding the 11.5 acre designated conservation area owned by the town through tax deed as to whether this can be included in the conservation easement of the abutting 73 acres. No further discussion
- 41/64 (42 acres) across the river and abutting Evergreen Valley subdivision owned by Mr. Labadidi and current on taxes. No discussion.
- 41/68 11 acres has not paid taxes since 2013, will be taken by tax deed in October 2016 if taxes remain unpaid. Last payment made was 2008. Deeded by the Town of Milton (2013) No further discussion
- 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. No discussion
- Teneriffe Mt. Rd property. No Discussion

Treasurer's Report: D. Smith reported to the board that Sessler found they had a credit on two of their billings and they will be applied to future bills. S. Panish moves to pay a bill to Sessler law for 190.55 from the Conservation legal fund. E. Knapp seconds the motion. All in favor.

#### Other Business:

The board received and reviewed a letter from DES for a Complete Forestry Notification for F. Timothy and Janice Long. No action required.

The board received and reviewed a Thank you letter from Moose Mountain Regional Greenways for their donation. No action required.

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The board received and reviewed an updated Wetlands Permit from Theodore Tasker III that shows changes required by the Army Corps of Engineers, Plans done by Varenny Engineering. No action required.

The board received and reviewed a letter from DES for a Complete Forestry Notification for Derek Horn. No action required.

Closed session: meeting with attorney to discuss litigation. Vote to enter closed session under 'e' RSA 91-A:3,II,e. E is the litigation section. S. Panish moves to go into closed session under 91-A:3, II, e, at 7:40pm. Knapp seconds the motion. All in favor.

S. Panish moves to leave nonpublic at 7:52 pm. E. Knapp seconds. All in favor to leave non-public.

E. Knapp motions to adjourn. S. Panish seconds the motion. All in favor, meeting adjourned at 7:52pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dana Smith  
Land Use Clerk

Approved: 7/12/16