

Milton Conservation Commission
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Milton, NH 03851
July 12, 2016
Meeting Minutes

Members in Attendance: Karen Golab, Steve Panish, Cynthia Wyatt, Alternate Barry Carr, Paul Blanc (6:35) Also in attendance Dana Smith, Land Use Clerk
Absent members: Eric Knapp, Steve Baker
Public in Attendance: Mary Perkins, Patti Burns

Chairman Wyatt called the meeting to order at 6:30pm and brought B. Carr to sit in for E. Knapp.

MMRG Executive Director, Patti Burns, to present regarding MMRG's regional planning initiative: Chairman Wyatt introduced Patti Burns to the board. Patti Burns wanted to update the Conservation Commission on a couple things happening with Moose Mountain, they are in the process of launching the conservation area plan for the seven town service area. Through that plan they will be looking at the traditional conservation elements, such as wildlife protection, water quality protection, forest and taking it further because they want to hear from everyone in the communities and see the ecosystem values in the forefront, including input from snowmobilers, horseback riders and ATV riders. MMRG is reaching out for input from Fish and Wildlife Service, DES, and UNH Extension, who are invited to share their passions and visions in hopes to come up with a great set of GIS maps. MMRG will take the next steps towards creating an action plan, with how to prioritize the sites that come before them for conservation to see if they fit together. Through this process P. Burns explained that MMRG learned that there are a few sites that are missing from the GRANIT maps, C. Wyatt has taken the initiative to work with GRANIT and SRPC to get the missing conservation lands from Milton onto the maps. Chairman Wyatt explained that the town has given permission to send the town map information to SRPC in regards to GIS maps but the format needs to be changed. P. Burns informed the board that MMRG is doing their usual events, like the 'Woods, Water and Wildlife Festival' and she will be sending the flier out soon. She informed the board of new conservation parcels that MMRG has acquired recently.

Approval of Minutes: June 6, 2016 regular meeting minutes. Change NRC to NRCS in the first section, change 'and to an' in the first section and add Turgeon to Norm of TPPA, **S. Panish moves to accept the minutes with changes, B. Carr seconds the motion, all in favor. June 6, 2016 minutes approved with changes.**

Public Input: None

Discuss contracting 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 (over half are missing). Discuss challenges of Milton's tax maps to accomplish professional mapping: Chairman Wyatt explained that during the workshop they talked with Kyle Pimental of SRPC and he is going to look into converting the map line files into map shape files.

Milton Forest Committee Update: MFC is planning to send letters to SELT and MMRG for RFP to place a CE on this property and are looking for MCC advice. K. Golab asked if the MFC can be added to the next Selectmen's agenda, D. Smith gave K. Golab a request form to fill out. K. Golab explained that the committee has come up with a proposed rather than going ahead and sending request letters to the potential easement holders, the Forest Committee would like to go over the proposed list of restrictions for the Casey Road Town Forest with the Selectmen to see if they agree with the list. She explained there has been some difference of opinions on the topic of allowing or not allowing hunting on the parcel, and

the Forest Committee has proposed no hunting of any kind. K. Golab provided the board with the proposed lists of 'restrictions included in the Conservation Easement', 'managed by Town of Milton', and 'permitted uses of Casey Rd property' which is what they will be presenting to the Selectmen, it was created through a combination of what the members of the Forest Committee would like to see happen with the property. The board discussed the proposed list and made varying suggestions.

Review and discuss Site Plan Application for a proposed gas station at Map 45 Lot 76-1.: The Planning Board invites the MCC to attend the July 19th meeting for the beginning of discussion of this site plan, to express any concerns to the applicant. The plans have not been submitted to the office yet, no plans to review during the meeting, the board will try to meet to review the plans if they have the time. P. Blanc commented that it is his understanding that it has been reviewed before and it is not the first time it has come across the planning board's table.

Brief progress report of NR Update: Chairman Wyatt reported they reviewed the last three chapters, at the next meeting the entire document will be reviewed, Kyle Pimental has obligated to see the committee through the process to getting the document to the Planning Board and the public hearings.

Update on European Naiad in NE Pond: Tabled, as Steve Baker was not in attendance.

Monitoring Update: Discuss and approve Darrell DeTour's Proposal (RFP) to prepare a Baseline Documentation Report of Winding Road conservation property. Darrell is asking for \$600 to do a baseline of this property. **S. Panish moves to approve to pay \$600 to Darrell DeTour to do a baseline on the Winding Road Conservation Property out of the Monitoring line. K. Golab seconds the motion, all in favor, motion passed.**

Follow up designating times to work on both off site and on site files: Still looking for the binder.

CE encroachments: Update re- Lyman Brook home encroachment (20 Rookery Rd) The application to the NHAG with supporting documents and were mailed on 12/8 and confirmed by the NHAG office has received. Chairman Wyatt has not heard more from them, she will get in touch with the NHAG to find out the status of this document.

Potential conservation projects: 41/64 (42 acres) across the river and abutting Evergreen Valley subdivision owned by Mr. Labadidi and current on taxes. K. Golab asked if Rich Bessette had reached out to Chairman Wyatt yet, the Forest Committee has taken the recommendation of the Conservation Commission to write to Mr. Labadidi in regards to his interest in donating his land for conservation.

-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 was 2008. Deeded by the Town of Milton (October 2013) Chairman Wyatt thought that they should table the discussion on this topic until the completion of the tax deeding.

-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 comment

-Teneriffe Mt. Rd property: No comment

Treasurer's report: D. Smith reported to the board that she has had to make some copies of maps at Staples for Sessler and those have been paid from the copies line of the Conservation Commission's budget. **S. Panish moves to pay the following 2 bills to Sessler law office 1. For Johnson and Ross legal services \$1,295.70 and 2. For Lake legal services \$359.50 from the conservation legal fund. K. Golab seconds the motion. All in favor, motion approved to pay bills.**

Closed session, meeting to update legal status of litigation. Vote to enter closed session under 'e' RSA 91-A:3, II, e. 'E' is the litigation section. S. Panish motions to enter closed session under section 'e'. K. Golab seconds the motion. All in favor, board enters closed session at 7:53pm. S. Panish motions to leave closed session. K. Golab seconds the motion. All in favor, closed session ended at 7:59pm.

Other Business: The board received and reviewed a letter from DES re: NHDES Wetlands File #2016-01663, Stave, Jug Hill Road, Milton Mills Tax/Map #6/25. No action required.

The board received and reviewed a letter from DES notifying completion of forestry and acknowledge receipt of the "Wetlands Minimum Impact Forestry Notification" form for work in Milton Mills, Tax Map/Lot 12/8. No action required.

The board received and reviewed a letter from DES for the approval of a Shoreland and Impact Permit 2016-01520. No action required.

S. Panish motions to adjourn, B. Carr seconds the motion. Meeting adjourned at 8:01pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dana Smith
Land Use Clerk

Approved: _____ 8/8/16