

**Milton Conservation Commission
PO Box 310
Milton, NH 03851
September 12, 2016
Meeting Minutes**

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

Excused Members: Barry Carr, Steve Panish, Steve Baker

Public in Attendance: John Katwick

Chairman Wyatt called the meeting to order at 6:30

Public Comment: None

Richard Clark re: Expedited Shoreland Permit 46 St. James: Did not attend the meeting. Board unable to comment or make decisions without any information.

Cemetery Trustees re: Milton Mills Cemetery Donation: John Katwick attended the meeting to represent the Cemetery Trustees, he informed the board on the situation with the Milton Mills Cemetery. He gave the board an overview of the Milton Mills Cemetery and history. J. Katwick explained that under RSA 289 every town shall provide one or more suitable cemeteries for the internment of deceased bodies within its boundaries, currently the town does not have a cemetery with available graves, they comply with the RSA through a lease agreement with the Milton Mills Cemetery Association. He gave a financial run through for the past ten years to explain what the cost would be. J. Katwick explained to the board different happenings with the land in the past 10 years like the 2008 Applebee Clean Up. Per RSA 41:14-a the Selectmen need the Conservation Commission's approval recommendation to accept the donation of the Milton Mills Cemetery from the Milton Mills Cemetery with all assets. **K. Golab motions to support and approve accepting the donation of the Milton Mills Cemetery to the Town by the Milton Mills Cemetery Association. E. Knapp seconds the motion. All in favor (4-0). D. Smith will write the letter to the Selectmen.**

Approval of Minutes: **K. Golab motions to approve the August 8, 2016 minutes, E. Knapp seconds the motion. All in favor, (P. Blanc abstained) minutes approved.**

2017 Budget Proposal: E. Knapp motions add a membership and dues line, for \$5,000 for the Strafford Regional Planning Commission. K. Golab seconds the motion. All in favor.

E, Knapp motions to add a legal fund line with amount to be determined. K. Golab seconds the motion. All in favor.

K. Golab motions to leave the rest of the budget the same. P. Blanc seconds the motion. All in favor.

Milton Forest Committee Update: Chairman Wyatt reported the site walk will be September 20th. D. Smith reported to the board that the 3 more members of the Forest Committee have resigned. Leaving just one member and the Selectmen's rep.

Progress Report of NR Update: no comment

European Naiad in NE Pond Update: Chairman Wyatt commented there was an email going around that they found the GPS of the highest concentrations of the infestation.

Darrell DeTour's Baseline Report of Winding Rd Conservation: Chairman Wyatt emailed D. DeTour today to get an update, he had mentioned there was some dumping on the Ball property and that someone is mowing. The board considered writing a letter to the land owner, decided to table until the complete monitoring report was in.

Potential Conservation Projects Discussion: Chairman Wyatt commented that they have been talking about the 11.5 acres. K. Golab commented that the Forest Committee was supposed to write a letter to Mr. Labadidi, all discussion tabled.

Treasurer's Report: tabled.

Other Business: P. Blanc commented that he noticed the Old Ray's Marina is doing disturbance within the 250 foot shoreland mark, which they are not supposed to do without a permit, someone put up a silt fence but it is in the water. He contacted Code Enforcement Officer Brian Boyers and informed him that something was going on there, his reply was that it was all in working order and no permits. P. Blanc then contacted David Price of DES and filed a formal complaint. He continued that currently they are digging a foundation for a frost wall, within the 50 foot. P. Blanc said that he contacted the owner prior to contacting DES, had said that all of his permits were done. He contacted the surveyor who has been working on the site plan and was told the permits were pending.

Board received and reviewed a letter from DES re: Land Resources Management File #3296/WPS-5259, Piggott Hill Rd, Milton, Tax Map 13, Lot Number 3. No action required.

Board received and reviewed a letter from Jonathan Nute addressed to David Price of DES to notify completion of excavation project of phragmites removal. No action required.

Board received and reviewed a notice of acceptance of permit application land resources management for Hideaway Lane, Milton, Tax Map/Lot#: 28/35. No action required.

Board received and reviewed an invitation from N.H. Sustainable Forestry Initiative small woodlot management and sawmilling under the Sustainable Forestry Initiative on September 23, 2016. No action required.

Board received and reviewed Shoreland Impact Permit 2016-02382 for Hideaway Lane Tax Map 28 Lot 35. No action required.

Chairman Wyatt commented that there are several conservation properties missing from GRANIT system. They need shape files instead of line files for the tax maps. Kyle Pimental prepared a proposal for Strafford Regional Planning Commission to work on this project. The proposal covers working on fixing the maps in shape files and going through the application process to submit the conservation lands to GRANIT. E. Knapp motions to pay the amount of \$4,294 for services with Strafford Regional Planning Commission for work on the shape files and GRANIT submissions. K. Golab seconds the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

K. Golab motion to adjourn, E. Knapp seconds the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:43pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dana Smith
Land Use Clerk