

**Milton Conservation Commission**  
**October 11, 2016**  
**Meeting Minutes**

Members in Attendance: Karen Golab, Cynthia Wyatt, Paul Blanc, Steve Baker Alt, Barry Carr Alt. Also in attendance Dana Crossley, Land Use Clerk  
Absent Members: Eric Knapp, Steve Panish  
Public in Attendance: none

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

Approval of Minutes: **September 12, 2016 meeting minutes, K. Golab motions to approve, P. Blanc seconds the motion. All in favor, motion passed.**

Public Input: No input.

Milton Forest Committee Update: *Report on site walk with Andy Fast and Matt Tarr at 3:30 on October 11<sup>th</sup>*; Chairman Wyatt reported on the site walk, they discussed with Andy Fast and Matt Tarr some of the goals and priorities for the Casey Road Forest.

Follow up on Site Plan Application for a proposed gas station at Map 45 Lot 76-1: D. Crossley reported that this application was conditionally approved by the Planning Board. P. Blanc asked if they had figured out where the septic was going. D. Crossley replied that she thought it might be located on the last set of plans received.

Brief progress report on NR update: Chairman Wyatt reported there will be one more meeting with Kyle that will wrap everything up, with an executive summary and an updated Natural Resource Chapter of the Master Plan.

Update on European Naiad in NE Pond: S. Baker reported that when they started work on August 1<sup>st</sup> and they found a lot of expansion, Maine spent \$30,000 with a contractor who estimated after he was finished he had gotten less than 50% on the shoreline of the Maine side. He reported that Lebanon has the biggest concentration, they have on their regulations that they cannot use chemicals to remove weeds, DES in Maine has been attempting to convince the Selectmen of Lebanon and the Town that it would be best to use chemicals. He continued that using the chemicals would be about 1/5<sup>th</sup> the cost compared to just manual labor, they've created a budget analysis that they are going to be present to Lebanon and Milton soon. They are going to be looking at getting a contribution from the Town in addition from the State.

Discuss Darrell DeTour's monitoring reports, act on encroachments, and discussion of his resignation notice: Chairman Wyatt reported that Darrell has submitted his notice of resignation, and the board will need to find a new person to do the monitoring. He will honor his proposal to do a baseline of the Winding Hill Property. Chairman Wyatt reported there are some encroachment issues on the properties. The Ball property, Tournas Property and Jones Brook Property are the ones with issues, she will draft letters to the owners. K. Golab asked what the process was. Chairman Wyatt replied that they write to the person informing the person of the issue, asking them to respond and inviting them to a meeting to explain further. The board decided that they should look at the Ball property and see what additional signs they should put up to dissuade from future dumping and grass mowing. Chairman Wyatt will put together a list of Darrell's recommendations.

Follow up designating times to work on both off site and on site files: *looking for binder with all conservation easement information:* Chairman Wyatt commented they need to keep looking for it. D. Crossley commented that she thought the town attorney had it, and will check with him again.

Potential Conservation Projects:

- Casey Rd Project- *discuss legal opinion regarding the 11.5acre 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 comment
- Discuss status of town owned (by tax deed) 5 lot subdivision abutting 41/69. The board discussed the status of this parcel.
- 41/64 (42 acres) across the river and abutting Evergreen Valley subdivision owned by Mr. Labadidi and current on taxes. Chairman Wyatt commented it would be good if someone could contact him to see if he wanted to donate it into conservation land. P. Blanc offered to contact him.
- 41/68: *11 acres has not taxes since 2013, will be taken by tax deed in October 2016 if taxes remain.* Chairman Wyatt questioned the status of this property as it is October of 2016. D. Crossley replied she will check with the assessing director and town clerk.
- Discuss: town owned properties voted by warrant article to be placed under conservation easement- *Old Ski Area, Payne/Jones Brook Park, the MCC should also look for a conservation easement holder for town owned Spaulding Property.*
- Teneriffe Mt. Rd Property no comment.

Treasure's Report S. Panish was not present at the meeting, no treasure's report. Board discussed the Conservation's Budget and what to ask for in the legal line. The board decided to ask for \$5,000 in the legal defense line.

Closed Session RSA 91-A:3, II, e: K. Golab moves to go into closed session at 7:40pm, B. Carr seconds the motion. All in favor. Board entered into non-public. Chairman Wyatt updated the board. K. Golab motions to leave nonpublic at 7:42. B. Carr seconds the motion. All in favor. Board left nonpublic.

Other Business:

**K. Golab motions to pay Darrell DeTour \$405.00 from the legal fund for support in legal case. B. Carr seconds the motion. All in favor, motion passed.**

Board has requested to have only one Land Use book instead of each member receiving an individual book.

D. Crossley reported they received their yearly bill from NH Assoc. of Conservation Commissions annual membership dues. Board was in agreement to remain members and pay the membership dues for 2017. The board received and reviewed an invitation from MMRG & the Landowners at WidowMaker Farm for an Autumn Hike & Fun and Interactive Presentation on October 15, no action required.

The board received and reviewed a Notice of Incomplete Permit by Notification applicant Dennis Routhier, Tax map 33 Lot 29. No action required.

The board received and reviewed a Notice of Incomplete Permit by Notification applicant Routhier Irrv Family Trust Tax map 33 Lot 30. No action required.

The board received and reviewed a Notice of Incomplete Permit by Notification applicant Edward Norton Tax Map 33 Lot 38. No action required.

The board received and reviewed at Wetlands Permit by Notification for a retaining wall repair and replacement for 46 St. James Ave. Applicant has requested for the Chairman to sign off on the permit. Chairman Wyatt signed off on the permit.

The board received and reviewed a Permit by Notification for repair or replacement of an existing retaining wall in the dry that meets the criteria in Env-Wt 303.04 (c) for 48 St. James. No action required.

The board received and reviewed a Permit by Notification for repair or replacement of an existing retaining wall in the dry that meets the criteria in Env.- Wt. 303.04 (c) for 50 St. James. No action required.

The board received and reviewed a Wetlands Permit by Notification for a retaining wall repair and replacement and docking structure repair for 96 St. James. No action required.

K. Golab motion to adjourn. B. Carr seconds the motion. All in favor, meeting adjourned at 7:56pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dana Crossley  
Land Use Clerk