Milton Conservation Commission PO Box 310 Milton, NH 03851 November 28, 2016 Meeting Minutes

Members in Attendance: Cynthia Wyatt, Steve Panish, Karen Golab, Steve Baker Alt, Barry Carr Alt, Paul Blanc, Also in attendance Dana Crossley, Land Use Clerk

Public in Attendance: Wayne Sylvester

Chairman Wyatt called the meeting to order at 6:25pm.

The board reviewed the proposed 2017 budget, a member will need to go to the Selectmen's meeting tonight to present the budget. S. Panish moves to pay \$100 to TPPA for membership dues. K. Golab seconds the motion. All in favor, motion passed. S. Panish read to the committee the proposed 2017 budget is going to be requested as \$300 for training, \$5,000 legal defense, \$1,597 professional services, \$1,000 printing, \$200 supplies, \$500 postage, and \$600 membership dues. Grand total roughly \$9,150. B. Carr moves to present the budget as stated. S. Panish seconds the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

S. Baker introduced Wayne Sylvester and informed the board that he will be retiring from the Conservation Board when his term comes up and Wayne has shown an interest in becoming an alternate member in place of S. Baker.

<u>Approve October 11th 2016 minutes:</u> B. Carr moves to approve the minutes, K. Golab seconds the motion all in favor, October 11th minutes approved. (S. Panish Abstained)

Public Comment: None

Milton Forest Committee Update: Chairman Wyatt reported that the Selectmen have decided to dissolve the Forest Committee since everyone had resigned except for one person. She would like to suggest that the board goes to the BOS to offer their services to keep moving forward with the work that the Casey Road Town Forest Committee was doing. B. Carr, and K. Golab volunteered to work with Chairman Wyatt on the subcommittee. K. Golab asked what the next step would be. Chairman Wyatt replied that the three members of the subcommittee should meet and figure out what they want to do and then go to the BOS with the request to take over the project.

<u>DES grant, Discuss possible Milton applicants:</u> D. Crossley reported that she gave the information to Brian Boyers to get into the hands of Mike Nye, owner of the Old Rays Marina.

<u>Discuss possible replacement for Darrell DeTour:</u> The board discussed possible new contracted monitor, they will invite a proposed new monitor to the next meeting.

<u>Progress report of NR Update:</u> The subcommittee worked with Kyle Pimentel prior to the regular meeting, he drafted two documents and asked for the board to review and bring comments back to the next meeting.

<u>Update on European Naiad in NE Pond:</u> S. Baker reported that the TPPA met with the Milton BOS, they agreed that the town should get involved and will write a warrant article to get some money to support the project. TPPA proposed that Milton would pay \$22,000, Lebanon would pay \$7,000, and TPPA would input a total of \$11,000. Maine agreed to use herbicides, money will be available for next summer. It was decided that Milton would pay more because TPPA went through the cost of the water front properties and what the loss in tax revenues would be, and Lebanon has a smaller impact from the water front property compared to Milton's.

<u>Discuss Darrell DeTour's monitoring reports, act on encroachments:</u> (*Check with AG regarding Lyman Brook house encroachment*) Chairman Wyatt offered to write letters to the land owners but have not had chance or had a chance to check in with the AG. P. Blanc reported that S. Baker and he did not have a chance to get out to the property either, he thinks there is a point that Darrell missed. They will try to get out to the property before the next meeting. S. Panish asked if any of the encroachments need to be addressed like the Tournas property, where they give and take. P. Blanc said he believes they may have encroached a lot.

<u>Follow up designating times to work on both off site and on site flies:</u> (looking for binder with all conservation easement information)

Potential conservation projects: Need action for the following:

- 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. Chairman Wyatt reported that Darrell did agree to do a baseline document, he did email to say he could not find the pins. She read to the board the email that Darrell sent out. Board discussed what to do and decided to suspend further monitoring work on the property and to draft a letter of request to the BOS to put the land into conservation.
- Discuss status of town owned (by tax deed) 5 lot subdivision abutting 41/69: No further comments.
- 41/64 (42 acres) across the river and abutting Evergreen Valley subdivision owned by Mr. Labadidi and current on taxes: P. Blanc did not get a response from him. He will draft a letter and try to reach him that way.
- 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 (Oct. 2013):
- 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 Tabled.

<u>Treasurer's Report:</u> (*Budget Power Point*) S. Panish reported that the Selectmen cut the budget down legal to \$2,500, printing to \$500 and mailing to \$250. S. Panish reported on the Conservation funds.

Non Public (e):

Other Business:

- Board received and reviewed the Moose Mountain Regional Greenways "Greenway Gazette" no action required.
- Board received and reviewed DES letter update on the Land Resources Management File #3296,
 Alteration of Terrain Permit WPS-5259 2016 Status Report Map 13 Lot 3. No action required.
- Board received and reviewed a letter from the Milton Free Public Library director Betsy Baker in regards to the Children's Literacy Foundation Grant. Chairman Wyatt will contact Betsy Baker.
- Board received and reviewed two letters from DES in regards to a 'Complete Forestry Notification' for the Carl Siemon Family Charitable Trust Maps 14, 18 Lots 16, 4 and Map 19 Lot 13. No Action Required.

K. Golab motions to adjourn, B. Carr seconds all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:51pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dana Crossley Land Use Clerk