



**MILTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
PO BOX 310  
MILTON, NH 03851**

**Minutes for the February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Meeting**

Members in attendance: Cynthia Wyatt, Charlie Karcher, Steve Panish (excused at 6:45), Steve Baker, Sean Skilling

Members Absent: Tom Grey, Barbara Berry, Alternate Eric Knapp

Public in Attendance: Craig Lancey, Rick Bessette, Colleen Bessette, Karen Golab

Chair Cynthia Wyatt opened the meeting at 6:30 and welcomed the new Conservation Commission members.

**Invoice approval:** the MCC reviewed and approved several invoices:

Sessler Law Office statement dated 1/30 for \$721.50, Charlie Karcher moves, Steve Panish seconds, motion carries.

Sessler Law Office Statement dated 1/30 for \$971.25, Charlie Karcher moves, Steve Panish seconds, motion carries.

Sessler Law Office Statement dated 1/30 for 18.50, Charlie Karcher moves, Steve Panish seconds, motion carries.

MMRG Membership dues for 2015 for \$100, Charlie Karcher moves, Steve Panish seconds, motion carries.

**Review and approval of January 13<sup>th</sup> minutes,** Charlie Karcher moves to approve the January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015 minutes, Steve Panish seconds, motion carries.

Steve Panish is excused to attend another meeting. Cynthia appoints alternate Steve Baker to sit in for Steve Panish.

**Casey Road Land Project Committee:**

Cynthia welcomes the Casey Rd. Property Committee Members: Karen Golab, Rick Bessette, Colleen Bessette, and Craig Lancey who ask questions about their authority, about town forests and conservation easements. Cynthia let them know that she emailed all the material she had on file regarding town forests to each of them. The MCC advised that they work together to determine the most appropriate disposition and management policy for the 73 acre Casey Rd. Project. Once they have made a determination, the MCC advised them to write a letter documenting all the reasons for their decisions and send or visit the BoS and copy the MCC. Cynthia informed them that both the BoS and MCC support placing a conservation easement on the property and the MCC is working toward that end. MMRG, the regional land trust, may be the easement holder and MMRG's Lands Committee plans to host a site walk of on 2/14. Cynthia invites them and the MCC members to go on the site walk. The MCC encourages the committee to stay involved until town vote to help promote any warrant articles that may result from their work.

The first order of business to place this property under easement is to contract for a title search. Sessler Law Office quoted a cost between \$350 -\$575 depending on the difficulty of the search.

**Charlie Karcher moves to expend \$350-\$575 to contract with Sessler Law Office to perform the title search, Steve Baker seconds, motion carries.**

#### **Master Plan Update:**

Cynthia reported that she and other MCC members attended the BoS meeting and that the BoS voted to approve and sign the contract with SRPC for estimated \$2,492 to conduct a regulatory audit of the Town's existing groundwater protection ordinance.

Charlie Karcher reviewed pages 10-25 of the Master Plan and noted the following deficiencies:

- Limiting Milton's impervious coverage from 10% to 20% to be in keeping with the State's mandates;
- Restoring the teeth back in the Shoreland Overlay District that was removed by the PB at last year's town warrant;
- Make storm water management a priority
- Make an effort to comply with the EPA mandated report to locate by GPS all catch basins in the town, and stencil each basin with the water body to which it drains.
- Attention and follow up should be given to mandates to protect the aquifers and water resources at the Exit 18 industrial properties as stated in the current MP.

Each Commissioner is asked to review the same pages as Charlie did and email their comments to Cynthia who will collate them for the Town Planner. Cynthia asked the Commissioners to make your comments in the "track change" format.

**Filing Conservation documents at the Town office** – Cynthia and Charlie will meet on Thursday 2/19 to file. Cyn will ask Steve to make copies from his backup file since we are missing an entire file.

**Ray's Marina update** – no news.

**CE Encroachments –**

**Shed Encroachment on Jones Brook property:** Cynthia asked Berry Surveying and Norway Plain for RFPs to do the survey work for the lot line adjustment so that the shed conforms to the town setbacks and is no longer encroaching on the town owned Jones Brook Park. Norway Plains RFP is \$1800 and Berry Surveying is \$2900.

**Steve Baker moves to approve the Norway Plains proposal to perform the survey work on the Peter Tournas property, seek PB approval, monument new line, and record the survey plan at the Registry.**

**Cynthia asks Sean Skilling to step in for Barbara Berry.**

**Sean seconds the motion.**

**Charlie Karcher abstains.**

**Motion carries.**

**20 Rookery Rd home encroachment:** Cynthia reported that the landowners visited at the last meeting and are amenable to a lot line revision that results in more of their property going into conservation, a requirement of a conservation easement amendment. Steve and Charlie agreed to work together to start the process to appeal to the NH Attorney General's office to amend the conservation easement line.

**Potential Conservation Projects:** Tabled

**Treasurer's Report:** Tabled as Treasurer Steve Panish was absent.

**MCC 2014 Year End Report:** Cynthia stated that the report was written and handed in on time.

**Moose Mountains Regional Alliance:** Committee has formed to promote tourism off of the Spaulding Turnpike and they meet the last Thursday of the month.

**No other business**

**Adjourn:** Charlie Karcher moves to adjourn, Steve Baker seconds, motion carries.