

**Milton Conservation Commission  
PO Box 310  
Milton, NH 03851  
March 9, 2015  
Meeting Minutes**

Members in attendance: Cynthia Wyatt, Charlie Karcher, Barbara Berry, Eric Knapp and Sean Skillings. Also in attendance: Kimberly Ladisheff, Land Use Clerk.

Public in attendance: Jeff Berry, John and Linda Kane

Chair Cynthia Wyatt called the meeting to order at 6:30pm and appointed Sean Skillings and Eric Knapp as full voting members.

Public Comment

None

Approval of Minutes

C. Karcher motioned to approve the February 11, 2015 minutes. Motion seconded by S. Skillings. Motion carried.

Casey Road Land Project Committee

The new committee will look into whether the property known as Tax Map 41 Lot 69 will become a town forest or conservation land. The Select Board and MCC voted to pursue putting an easement on the property. A natural resource assessment will be done. Attorney Sessler has completed the title search and the property does have clear title.

Master Plan Update

Kyle Pimental with SRPC will assist with doing an audit of the Town's Groundwater Protection Ordinance which needs to be updated. The MCC voted to support the \$2,492 project cost. Cynthia would like the members to review their sections of the Natural Resources of the MP. She then mentioned the vision section of the MP and asked how you can do a vision statement without involving the community. She asked K. Pimental to recommend what most towns do to update their MP. He recommends that when a community is going through the process of updating their MP chapters, they start with the vision section. If works gets too far along with other chapters it's almost like putting the cart before the horse. The vision chapter is an aspirational view of what residents want their community to look like, with certain goals and objectives to help achieve that future. In terms of gathering input, some communities choose to hold forums or charrettes for feedback from residents. Cynthia will pass this information along to Town Planner, Jerry Coogan.

There was a brief discussion that the Branch River isn't a designated river but towns can advocate for river designation. Cynthia stated this enables the town to make sure there are more

protective ordinances. This is a process you go through at the state level. Cynthia will check with Kyle on how to go about doing this.

Cynthia then read a letter from the Branch River Scenic Byway Corridor Advisory Committee which is looking for volunteers interested in joining the committee. The Branch River Scenic Byway was recently designated as a NH Scenic and Cultural byway in May of 2014. This 14 mile scenic byway is one of three of the most recently designated in the state, and runs through Milton & Wakefield.

Follow up designating times to work on both off site and on site files

Charlie and Cynthia will work on the files in the Town Hall on Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm.

Ray's Marina Property

No updates.

CE Encroachments

Norway Plains won the RFP for the Jones Brook Park shed encroachment. This will be taken care of as soon as the snow goes away.

Home encroachment on Lyman Brook – Charlie mentioned McEneaney recently surveyed the property and his suggestion is to have him do the work as he will have all the information and would be able to do that without going out and doing any more surveying. This still has to go to the Attorney General and Planning Board. The CC will finalize with the new owners before having McEneaney do anything. Town Attorney, Jim Sessler will go to the AG's office with Cynthia and Charlie.

Potential conservation projects

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Treasurer's report

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C. Karcher motioned to pay \$52 to McEneaney Survey Associates for the recording fees for the Lyman Brook easement survey. Motion seconded by B. Berry. Motion carried.

C. Karcher motioned to pay Jim Sessler \$352 for professional services rendered. Motion seconded by B. Berry. Motion carried.

C. Karcher motioned to pay Jim Sessler \$749.25 for professional services rendered. Motion seconded by E. Knapp. Motion carried.

C. Karcher motioned to pay dues of \$303 to NHACCA if the budget passes. Motion seconded by B. Berry. Motion carried.

Chair C. Wyatt read a letter from Southeast Land Trust who holds executory interest in the Current property. They would like paperwork filled out after 2015 monitoring is done. The monitoring has been done and Cynthia will send in the paperwork.

Other Business

L. Kane asked about the landfill warrant articles. Cynthia stated because it's a petition warrant article you can't change the wording. Brief discussion as to why the Planning Board and the BOS did not recommend the petition warrant articles.

C. Wyatt motioned to go into nonpublic under RSA 91-A:3 II (e). Motion seconded by C. Karcher. All in favor, motion carried.

C. Karcher motioned to come out of nonpublic. Motion seconded by B. Berry. All in favor, motion carried.

C. Karcher motioned to adjourn at 7:55pm. Motion seconded by E. Knapp. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Ladisheff  
Land Use Clerk