

**Milton Conservation Commission  
PO Box 310  
Milton, NH 03851  
April 13, 2015  
Meeting Minutes**

Members in attendance: Cynthia Wyatt, Charlie Karcher, Sean Skillings, Steve Baker, Steve Panish

Public in attendance: Barry Carr, Karen Golab, Kari Lygren and David Paey.

Cynthia opened the meeting at 6:34 and appointed Eric and Steve Baker as full voting members.

Public Comment

Barry Carr, NH Fish and Game Commissioner for Strafford County was present to state he is reaching out to the Conservation Commissions in the area to let them know they have habitat funds. The amount of money given depends on the project. Every project is scored and that determines how much money they will give. One example was money given to Increase habitat for cottontail rabbits as they are becoming extinct. S. Baker brought up the alewife population and there was a brief discussion. C. Wyatt mentioned the Town Forest project also. Barry suggested sending him information, no request is too absurd.

Approval of Minutes

C. Karcher motioned to approve the March 9, 2015 minutes. Motion seconded by E. Knapp. Motion carried.

Ray's Marina property

Mike Beaulieu gave a presentation of the vacant property of the old Ray's Marina site. He showed maps and pictures of when the Marina was in operation. Mike stated he was showing this to the CC because he has people that are interested in the property. He stated this is very preliminary, and if they could envision that building, imagine the 8 garage doors coming out and putting store fronts in there. Something such as a pharmacy, a Dr.'s office, small town businesses, something that doesn't require a lot of traffic flow. He will talk with the developer of Dunkin Donuts about their huge parking lot to see if they can't work something out. Mike's understanding is the CC is interested in the other parcel, he doesn't need an answer tonight but wants the Commission to think about it. S. Panish stated this would greatly help the downtown but he's not sure it is an appropriate use for the Conservation fund. C. Karcher recommended Mike talk to DOT because there is no controlled entrance at the location.

Master Plan Update

Update of Groundwater Protection Ordinance; table as Kyle Pimental could not make tonight's meeting. They will discuss at the next meeting.

Review pages 10-25 of the Master Plan; discussion that this could tie into the offer from NH Fish and Game, such as assessing the ecological life of the three ponds. Barry Carr mentioned the use of fish ladders. Commissioner S. Baker stated TPPA was also going to go through pages 10-25.

Branch River Designation; Kari Lygren was present and has volunteered to look into making the Branch River a designated river in NH. The purpose for this is for added layer of protection. Kari stated the application form is 18 pages and was told it is recommended to form a committee. They look at the whole water shed and do an evaluation of the river part of the process. E. Knapp asked if it would help

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having other communities involved. Kari will reach out to the Designated Rivers Committee and let C. Wyatt know what she finds out.

#### MCC Board

Barbara Berry has given her resignation. C. Karcher motioned to accept Barbara's resignation with regret. Motion seconded by S. Panish. Motion carried. E. Knapp motioned to appoint Karen Golab as a full member for a 3 year term provided the BOS appoints her to the Commission. Motion seconded by C. Karcher. Motion carried. C. Karcher motioned to appoint Sean Skilling's to fill in B. Berry's position provided the BOS appoints him as a full member. Motion seconded by S. Panish. Motion carried.

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

S. Panish recommended they make an inventory of everything they have and then decide where to go from there.

#### CE encroachments

There are two encroachments that are pending work being done. Norway Plains is working on the Jones Brook lot line adjustment. S. Panish and C. Karcher are working on the Lyman Brook encroachments. AG's office is happy with the plan.

#### Potential conservation projects

Table everything except Casey Road site walk which is scheduled for Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10:00 am with MMRG land agent Keith Fletcher.

#### Treasurer's Report

S. Panish stated there has been very little financial activity. Invoices have been submitted but the money has not come out to reimburse the general fund yet. The Town still owes the MCC \$25,000.

C. Karcher motioned to pay the invoice of \$175.75 for professional services for Johnson/Ross. Motion seconded by S. Panish. Motion carried.

C. Karcher motioned to pay the invoice of \$83.25 for professional services for Lake. Motion seconded by S. Panish. Motion carried.

#### Other business

None

C. Karcher motioned to go into executive session. Motion seconded by S. Panish.

C. Karcher motioned to come out of nonpublic. Motion seconded by S. Panish. Motion carried.

C. Karcher motioned to adjourn at 8:30pm. Motion seconded by E. Knapp. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Ladisheff  
Land Use Clerk