

06.08.15 MCC

**Milton Conservation Commission
PO Box 310
Milton, NH 03851
June 08, 2015
Meeting Minutes**

Members in attendance: Cynthia Wyatt, Charlie Karcher, Steve Baker, Steve Panish, Eric Knapp and Karen Golab

Public in attendance:

Cynthia opened the meeting at 6:30pm

Public Comment:

Not applicable

Approval of Minutes:

C. Karcher motioned to approve the May 11, 2015 minutes. Motion seconded by S. Baker with the following changes:

- * Correct spelling of Overlay
- * Change "best maintenance plan" to "best management plan"

Motion carried.

Master Plan Update

Kyle Pimental willing to present draft of updates of Groundwater Protection Ordinance to Planning Board at July 7, 2015 meeting.

C. Wyatt suggested that all MCC members attend.

The intention of reviewing updates of Groundwater Protection Ordinance with the Planning Board is to make sure they comply with all state recommendations.

E. Knapp and S. Panish have completed their review and provided comments. C. Wyatt will review next.

C. Karcher reviewed changes he made to Master Plan pages 10-25. He took a lot of detail out, so as to simplify. He will send to Kim.

Branch River Designation:

Discussed expense of pursuing designation. C. Karcher stated it might be too expensive and suggested that pursuing the Branch River Designation be tabled at this time. Everyone agreed.

S. Panish suggested a better approach might be to look at zoning laws, as there is no provision in our current ordinances to protect the river. There was an ordinance in the past, but a warrant article reversed that in 2014.

E. Knapp recommended that we review the current Shoreland Protection to see if it contains storm water management wording.

S. Panish mentioned that currently if any individual wants to do any kind of work on a shoreline, they are only required to notify the state, who in turn will send a letter to the town.

C. Karcher stated most towns require anyone who wants to do any type of construction next to a shoreline go before their towns CC. He mentioned the towns of New Durham and Alton as examples.

C. Wyatt shared information on a possible grant that she obtained at a recent conference she attended.

Although the grant may be available it would require a lot of effort and involvement from many people.

Not sure if the amount of people needed are willing to volunteer. She suggested maybe offering to have a workshop with the TPPA and the MCC sometime in August.

S. Baker mentioned that he is not sure there would be enough community support for a workshop, as they have seen in the past that most people around MTP are too busy in the summer to attend even the TPPA meetings.

C. Wyatt will look into grant further and will also attend the next TPPA meeting to share what she learned at the conference.

Potential conservation projects:

K. Golab and C. Wyatt provided an update on the Casey Rd. project – Barry Carr from the F&G will be attending the next TFC meeting on June 30, 2015 to share information on F&G stewardship's of conservation land. Also awaiting report from Keith Fletcher from the site walk.

Discussion on all other projects tabled

Other:

S. Panish stated he has not had a chance to work on the file this past month.

CE encroachments:

1) Norway Plains – C. Karcher reviewed the survey completed with the MCC. Next steps will be to obtain signature from landowners on the survey. Then C. Karcher will present to the Planning board.

2) Lyman Brook home encroachment – Letters have been sent to the landowners requesting their approval of Lot Line adjustments. If they are in agreement, survey will be completed. Attorney General office will then be contacted for final approval.

3) Teneriffe Mt. Rd property – Not owned by one person, possible owned by a trust. Also not in Current Use status. S. Panish will check on status of property.

Treasurer's Report:

Approved bill from Attorney Sessler in amount of \$267.20 dated June 3rd for Lake.

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Need justification of \$83.25 bill from Attorney Sessler. S. Panish will ask Kim to contact them.

Discussion regarding need for Budget Line item in Town budget for Legal Defense. Everyone agreed MCC should pursue with the Budget committee. Amount to be requested will be \$5,000. If funds are not used in a given year, they would be put in the Towns General Fund.

C. Karcher motioned to go into executive session under RSA91-A:3, II, e.

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

C. Karcher motioned to adjourn at 7:50pm. Motion seconded by S. Panish. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Golab
Milton Conservation Committee