

Milton Conservation Commission  
PO Box 310  
Milton, NH 03851  
August 19, 2015  
Meeting Minutes

Members in Attendance: Karen Golab, Sean Skillings, Charlie Karcher, Cynthia Wyatt, Eric Knapp, Steve Panish Also in attendance Dana Smith, Land Use Clerk

Public in Attendance: None

Chairman Wyatt called the meeting to order at 6:32pm.

Public Comment: No Comment

Approval of Minutes: Under master plan update change from 'American Water Works Association' to 'Acton Wakefield Watershed Alliance' and 'peruse' to 'pursue' and under potential conservation projects from 'roll' to 'role' under treasures report change from 'general fund' to 'conservation fund.' C. Karcher motions to approve July 14<sup>th</sup> minutes with corrections mentioned, K. Golab seconds the motion, all in favor (E. Knapp abstained), motion approved.

Master Plan Update

The board held a discussion on the master plan and reviewed edits they came up with prior to the meeting. C. Wyatt suggested having Strafford Regional Planning give the board an estimate to help them shrink and strengthen to make the document more readable. The professional planners would be able to help streamline the master plan and reference ordinances that would be beneficial to consider. C. Wyatt mentions that the master plan has a lot of helpful information in it but needs to be updated and condensed. E. Knapp said the survey so far has shown that the people want improvements in town and more business in town but they want to protect the ponds, the environment, our way of life, and the scenery first and foremost. E. Knapp said the master plan should reflect that. Board discussed the large acreage that is in the industrial zone that surrounds important water supplies for the town, specifically what is being promoted in the master plan on exit 17 and 18.

**Steve Panish joined the meeting at 6:50pm.**

C. Karcher stated his biggest concern is storm water management. E. Knapp said it would be nice to have some more credibility behind it by having SRP involved. C. Wyatt stressed that the master plan is the most important document in the town.

The board continued discussion and pursuing the master plan, focusing on pages 10-19. Discussed the value of a study on the wildlife that lives around and utilizes the water sources in Milton. E. Knapp felt that the original master plan was well thought out and has great recommendations, making it more concise is a good thing but not necessarily deleting items from the master plan. C. Wyatt thinks that it would be good to make the implementation goals more relevant to now. Board feels there is a lot of repetition in the master plan. E. Knapp volunteered to condense and rework the watershed lists for the next meeting. C. Karcher pointed out that the master plan is the guide for the town, how we want the town to be developed in the future but what really drives that is the zoning ordinances, site plan regulations and sub-division regulations. E. Knapp will do some work going over the master plan and then send to board for their comments. C. Wyatt will contact SRP to get a quote on how much it would cost to have them go over the discussed section of the master plan.

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

Tabled

CE encroachments

Jones Brook: C. Wyatt received a check from P. Tournas to pay for his half of the lot line adjustment for \$900. C. Karcher as Norway Plains representative gave the board the final bill from Norway Plains for \$1,800. S. Panish moves to accept the \$900 into the Conservation fund going towards the \$1,800 Norway Plains field

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survey work for a lot line adjustment for fixing the Jones Brook Encroachment from the Conservation Fund. E. Knapp seconds the motion. All in favor. (C. Karcher abstained) Motion passed.

Lyman Brook (20 Rookery Rd): S. Panish needs a few more documents to complete the application in order to send it to the AG. S. Panish would like C. Wyatt to contact Attorney Sessler about title search. C. Karcher moves to expend money from the conservation fund to Attorney Sessler to do a title search on 20 Rookery Rd. K. Golab seconds, all in favor, motion passed.

#### Potential Conservation Projects

Tabled.

#### Memorandum re: tax maps 14&18

Per RSA 41:14-a, that requires the Selectmen to submit a proposed sale or purchase to the Planning Board and Conservation Commission for review and recommendation. Ari Goldenburg would like to buy a piece of property from the town that is land locked from when the highway was built. The piece of property is swamp land and has been offered to the other neighbor, who has no interest in buying it. C. Karcher motions to write a letter to the BOS that the Conservation Commission has no problem selling the property to the abutter. S. Skillings seconds the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

#### Treasurer's Report

S. Panish we did get money in from land use change tax, no bills went out. Would like the board to decide what month on his sheet he should entire a bill as, should it be recorded by the date on the invoice or should we go by the date it is received by the town? He would like to record in the spreadsheets by the date received by the town, board agreed with this method. D. Smith will stamp date received on invoices.

S. Panish moves to pay \$200.30 from the Ross bill and \$15.30 from the Lake bill to Sessler Law Office out of the Conservation legal defense fund. C. Karcher seconds. Motion passed.

#### Other Business:

Budget: The board went over the current expenditure report in order to decide on their 2016 proposed budget. Increase the professional services line from \$1,597 to \$6,700 for water testing, ground water update and master plan update. Decrease office supplies from \$200 to \$0. Decrease the membership dues from \$925 to \$600. Decrease the miscellaneous line from \$150 to \$0. Proposed 2016 Budget of \$9,100. S. Panish moves to request \$9,100 total for the conservation commission budget. C. Karcher seconds. All in favor, motion passed.

S. Panish motions to add a new line item to budget which is legal defense. K. Golab seconds the motion, all in favor, motion passed.

S. Panish motions to request \$5,000 for the legal defense line of the budget making the total 2016 budget request \$14,100. C. Karcher seconds the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

Moose mountain \$500 donation: For the next meeting there will be a public hearing notice in regards to the donation for Moose Mountain. E. Knapp motions to hold a public hearing for the donation of \$500 for Moose Mountain Reservation at the next meeting. C. Karcher seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

C. Karcher motions to end meeting. E. Knapp seconded the motion. All in favor, meeting closed at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dana Smith  
Land Use Clerk