

Milton Conservation Commission
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September 14, 2015
Meeting Minutes

Members in Attendance: Steve Panish, Cynthia Wyatt, Charlie Karcher, Karen Golab, Steve Baker and Eric Knapp. Also in attendance Dana Smith, Land Use Clerk
Public in Attendance: Kyle Pimental

Chairman Wyatt called the meeting to order at 6:28 pm.

Public Comment: none

Approval of Minutes: C. Karcher motions to approve August 19, 2015 minutes, S. Baker seconds. All in favor, minutes approved.

Master Plan Update: Kyle Pimental from Strafford Regional Planning will be returning to the Planning Board September 15th to continue discussion on the Groundwater Update.

K. Pimental was present to discuss with the board ways to update sections of the Natural Resource Chapter of the Master Plan. He looked through the existing chapter and the work that E. Knapp did on consolidating the chapter. The biggest challenge with these chapters is differentiating between 'policy statement', 'policy goal', 'policy standard' and 'policy principal'. The Master Plan, especially this chapter consists of a lot of redundancy. This makes it tricky for the readers to figure out where we are trying to go with the messages presented. K. Pimental thinks it would be beneficial for the readers to consolidate the policy statements and principals into a list of recommended actions. Having a policy goal of the sections would be good to include. One thing that is missing there is data and existing conditions, when you see a recommendation the reader does not know why it is being recommended. K. Pimental suggests that one of the major things the Planning Board could help with is providing some existing conditions for each of these smaller sections. At the end to help guide the Conservation Commission and the town in terms of measurements and progress is to have an implementation plan. Having all the goals listed, with who would be responsible, time frame and if there is available funding to help out would work as a checklist for a planning board or conservation committee. E. Knapp's original plan when going over the chapter was to consolidate and remove the duplicate statements. E. Knapp showed it to non-environmentally minded people to get their opinion, and the feedback showed that they did not understand the lingo as easily. He believes it would be helpful to have a definitions section. C. Wyatt questioned what the next step of work would be for K. Pimental. K. Pimental said the next step is to do a scope of work, timeline and budget. He said that smaller working groups would be good, pulling some of the data side of things would be a place start, it will be a time commitment, and the process could take a while.

The board discussed prime wetlands and how they affect permit processes. The board will discuss further and consider more about prime wetlands. K. Pimental will put together a scope of work and a budget and will send to C. Wyatt before the next meeting. The board feels that the scope is headed in the right direction towards the chapter to be more concise.

Work on and off site: Tabled

CE Encroachments: Tournas- C. Karcher as the Norway Plains representative will be submitting the lot line adjustment application to be heard by the Planning board at the October meeting. The board would like to ask the planning board to waive the fee for the lot line adjustment application, since it is an encroachment on town property. S. Panish moves to pay mailing expenses from the mailing budget line

item and remaining expenses from the miscellaneous line for the lot line adjustment application. E. Knapp seconds the motion, all in favor (C. Karcher abstained) motion passed.

Lyman Brook- C. Wyatt is still waiting to hear from Attorney Sessler about the title search.

Potential Conservation Projects: Tabled

Treasurer's Report: Board discussed the budget power point that will be presented to the BOS on September 16, 2015.

S. Panish moves to pay NH Association of Conservation Commission \$333.00 from the membership budget line, C. Karcher seconds the motion, all in favor motion passed.

Other Business: Sean Skillings sent in his resignation from the board because of a new position at work which is in conflict with serving on the Conservation Commission. C. Karcher motions to accept Sean Skillings resignation with regret, S. Baker seconds the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

C. Wyatt, we voted to donate \$500 for the Society for the Protection of NH Forests, we have to have a public hearing to approve the expenditure. C. Wyatt wrote up a public notice. At the next meeting in October the board will hold the public hearing.

The board reviewed and supports wetlands permit application for a retaining wall at 173 Micah Terrace. The board reviewed and supports the shore land impact permit for 16 Summer Street from Craig Day of DES.

The board received a violation letter for property 345 Bolan Rd from David Price of DES.

C. Karcher motions to adjourn, E. Knapp seconds the motion. Meeting ended 7:46pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dana Smith
Land Use Clerk