

Milton Conservation Commission
PO Box 310
Milton, NH 03851
December 14, 2015
Meeting Minutes

Members in Attendance: Cynthia Wyatt, Steve Baker, Eric Knapp, Karen Golab, Steve Panish Also in attendance Dana Smith, Land Use Clerk
Missing Members: Paul Blanc
Public in Attendance: Kyle Pimentel

Chairman Wyatt called the meeting to order at 5:35pm
Chairman Wyatt brought E. Knapp and S. Baker to board as voting members for the meeting.
Public Comment: no public comment.

Approval of Minutes: November 9, 2015 meeting minutes. S. Panish moves to approve, K. Golab seconds all in favor (E. Knapp abstained) November 9, 2015 minutes approved.

Master Plan Update:

Natural Resource Chapter Update: Chairman Wyatt passed around to the board Kyle Pimentel's proposed update for the Natural Resource Chapter of the Master Plan. K. Pimentel of SRPC attended the meeting to discuss the proposal with the board. Section 3 was the focus of the discussion which explained the SRPC proposed scope of work. K. Pimentel went over the proposed updates and allowed for board discussion with him. He suggested a subcommittee that is made up of members from the Conservation Commission, Planning Board and even Board of Selectmen and to meet at least once a month prior to the Conservation's meetings. K. Pimentel explained that recommendations from this board are important to get to the Planning Board. Chairman Wyatt brought up the survey that was done by E. Knapp that can provide beneficial input for the update. K. Pimentel suggested to the board to have public input sessions to give people more time with the information prior to the public hearings. S. Baker questioned if K. Pimentel was doing similar projects anywhere else and that by taking this on would stretch him too thin, he replied that there were similar projects finishing up and they have a couple other projects similar to this. K. Pimentel continued to explain the proposed phases of the update. There was discussion on pertinent maps that K. Pimentel is suggesting for the Natural Resource chapter to include. S. Baker reminded the board that currently the lake is experiencing an infestation of European Naiad and wondered how it would be recognized as part of the Master Plan. K. Pimentel agreed that it is an important point to have included into the Master Plan so there can be a plan to deal with these instances. E. Knapp asked that in regards to a Master Plan if it is better to be specific and name the invasive plants or to generalize. K. Pimentel and S. Baker agreed it would be better to generalize as invasive species. K. Pimentel asked if what he has laid out in terms of the scope of work is what the board had envisioned after their last discussion. The board agreed that it was a well done and what they envisioned. The board discussed with K. Pimentel shoreline regulations, the board feels that Milton should do more to protect their water resources, as they are the backbone of the community. Discussion was held on the future of storm water ordinances and that being an MS4 community which Chairman Wyatt explained means EPA requires the town to locate storm water basins, but it has been put off because of lack of funds. K. Pimentel agreed that eventually Milton will have to do some things for this, such as mapping catch basins and other expensive projects, it could be included into the Master Plan.

S. Baker excused himself from the meeting at 6:29pm.

K. Pimentel provided the board with a service agreement for updating the Natural Resource Chapter of the Master Plan to look over. There is a suggested timeline of one year. S. Panish moves to go ahead with having Strafford Regional Planning Commission do the Natural Resource Chapter update of Master Plan

with a contract fee of \$6,149.40 paid from the unrestricted Conservation Fund. E. Knapp seconds the motion. All in favor, motion passed. Chairman Wyatt will sign the contract from SRPC.

K. Pimentel added to let the board know that SRPC has a lower hourly rate for members who pay dues, he will provide the board with a figure for what they would have saved if they were a member in the past year.

Report on Conversation with Darrell Detour regarding monitoring Milton's Conservation properties:

Chairman Wyatt informed the board that Darrell Detour has a bad back and there is a delay in the monitoring. She will keep the board posted when she has more information.

Reminder to attend BOS 12/21 meeting: Chairman Wyatt reminded the board to attend the meeting in regards to warrant article, she will be unable to attend.

Follow up on/off site work: Tabled.

CE Encroachments:

Lyman Brook (20 Rookery Rd)- Chairman Wyatt has sent the document to the Attorney General.

Potential Conservation Projects:

Casey Rd

41/64 across the river and abutting Evergreen Valley subdivision owned by Snyder Builders and is a defunct subdivision off of class 6 portion of Casey Rd- D. Smith informed the board that Emad Lababidi presently owns this property.

41/68 owned by Mr. Lababidi

Discussion on town owned properties voted by warrant article to be placed under conservation easement: Old Ski Area and Payne/Jones Brook Park. The MCC should also look for a conservation easement holder for town owned Spaulding property

Teneriffe Mt. Rd property

Tabled discussion on Potential Conservation Projects.

Treasurer's Report: S. Panish reported that they are down to \$819 in legal defense, the approval of the transfer from the Conservation's General Account to the Legal defense line will be helpful, and otherwise the figures are unchanged from last month. He reported the board has \$23,000 in monitoring/stewardship, \$99,000 in the general/unrestricted, and our total balance including the \$25,000 the town owes is \$148,000. S. Panish would like a spread sheet for the town budget line, D. Smith will send the month expenditure report when she receives it.

S. Panish moves to pay to UNH cooperative extension \$1,048 from the professional service line for water testing of Milton Three Ponds, from the Conservation legal defense line to Sessler for \$370 for the Johnson and Ross Case, and a second bill to Sessler for title search for 20 Rookery Road for \$358.70 out of the Conservation legal fund. K. Golab seconds the motion, all in favor, motion passed to pay the bills.

Other Business:

E. Knapp informed the board that at the Economic Development Committee meeting they discussed the potential plans for the old Ray's Marina. The Conservation Commission came up because someone brought up taking the paved area and making it into a park, E. Knapp brought up the suggestion of the Conservation Commission buying the area and for the owner to use that money to beautify the building. Chairman Wyatt speculated that he would need to spend money to survey his land and know the boundaries. S. Panish wonders if the owner could donate the property and get a tax deduction. Chairman Wyatt questioned if the Conservation Commission was considered a charitable organization. S. Panish responded that he was unsure and they could ask the TA. The board discussed how it could happen and if it would be too costly, and agreed to discuss it more at a later date.

12.14.15 MCC

The board received and reviewed a Wetlands Permit by Notification to repair a retaining wall on Rocky Point Rd.

The board received and reviewed an approval letter from DES for an after the fact permit for a culvert for Carl Haines.

S. Panish motions adjourn, E. Knapp seconds the motion, meeting ended at 7:37pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dana Smith
Land Use Clerk