



MILTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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Meeting Minutes
January 13, 2014

Commissioners in attendance: Chairman Cynthia Wyatt, Vice Chairman Charlie Karcher, David Levin, Selectman Tom Gray and Steve Panish.

Others in attendance: Kimberly Ladisheff, Land Use Clerk.

Cynthia called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Public Comments: None

Approval of minutes: Charlie motioned to approve the December 9, 2013 meeting minutes. Seconded by David. Tom abstained. Motion carried.

Nute Conservation Easements: The signed copy of the title search was received. Cynthia asked David to keep the signed copy with the other documents. Cynthia mentioned sending a thank you letter to the Nute's from MMRG and the MCC with a breakdown of the costs which were substantial. David feels it should come from the MCC only. The board agreed. Cynthia will draw something up.

Waterproof/fireproof safe: Brief discussion on finding a water/fire proof safe for documents. David stated Tom found someone with fireproof, legal size file cabinets for \$50 each but they are not waterproof. There was a question as to how much space is needed as these documents are already digitized. The deeds and plans are all recorded at the registry, however Cynthia would like copies on hand also. There was discussion on going to Iron Mountain and the costs associated with that. Steve stated given our volume it is not cost effective. David stated the Land Trust meets this week and would like to table this discussion until after he goes to that meeting. The board was in agreement.

Cynthia stated they need to make sure they have hard copies of all the easements. She mentioned that GRANIT has the Frizzell easement showing 35 acres when it is only 5 acres. Cynthia then stated she met with SRPC and they have none of Milton's conservation lands mapped except Lyman Brook was on there. They need a survey for the rest of them. Charlie mentioned these are on an assumed coordinate system and even if they had a plan it doesn't mean they will be able to insert them. Cynthia stated Berry recently surveyed the ski area and it is totally different than what is on the tax maps.

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Status of Ray's Marina property: Charlie's opinion was to sit on this for a while and maybe approach the bank in 6 months if nothing has happened with the property. Tom mentioned Jerry Coogan had stated the banker wanted to come and talk to the BOS to give them an update as to what is going on but he is not sure when. Charlie stated the property has lost its grandfathering and it's really going to change what can be done there. DOT is going to have a lot to say about their entrance which is 700 ft. wide. Between the town's zoning, site plan regulations and DOT it will have a big impact on how that property can be used and he doesn't think the bank understands that.

Darrell DeTour's baseline reports: Discussion on monitoring reports. David stated he had looked them over and read Darrell's comments. There didn't seem to be anything except on Jones Brook which they all know about but on Dame's Brook there is something ongoing with Mr. Hale the abutter, who has paths going through. Darrell suggested the MCC encourage him to get out of the wetlands. Darrell recommends someone from the town do a site walk. Cynthia would like Steve to meet with Mr. Hale and let him know he needs permission to do anything more. Lyman Brook is in the works. Jones Brook, they will send Mr. Tournas a strong letter and give him 30 days to respond or legal action will be taken. The board has already sent him a certified letter and he never picked it up. Charlie doesn't agree with this because Darrell's monitoring report states it has minimal impact, the shed was built in 1980 and Mr. Tournas is the 3rd owner. Charlie suggested to make it so he can't replace or repair the shed or do a lot line revision. They will try and get him to come in and talk to the Commission.

Town Forest: Cynthia and David had talked about getting a map made by Dan at SCRP. Dan will draft up some ideas. He has an aerial photo that shows tree cover and he will show the land and surrounding parcels. The commission will then send it and a letter explaining the proposal to various stakeholders and see if a committee can be formed to move the project forward.

MCC warrant article: Cynthia asked if the BOS can recommend or not recommend. Steve wrote up a flyer the commission will send out. Voter's guide will be sent out and Steve will write up an explanation for that also. There was a discussion on doing a mailing. Consensus of the board was to only do a submission for the Voters Guide.

Potential conservation projects: Discussion was tabled.

Treasurer's Report: David presented the treasurer's report and presented invoices. He mentioned that individual transactions do not show with the program he is using. They had some interest come in and also received the balance of the retainer from BCM leaving \$99,214.67 in the 3 accounts. The CD is about to mature and they need to decide where that \$13,000+ is going to go. David's recommendation is that it go into the unrestricted account and then if they want to do something else with it later they can. When you add that in the total equity is \$112,738.15. No LUCT was collected in December. David stated all the invoices have been paid from the general fund except for the Strafford County Registry bill which needs to be approved tonight.

MOTION by Charlie to put funds from the maturing CD in the unrestricted account. Seconded by Tom. All in favor, motion carried.

MOTION by Charlie to pay \$226.76 to Strafford County Registry. Seconded by Tom. All in favor, motion carried.

MOTION by Charlie to approve the Treasurers report as presented. Seconded by Tom. All in favor, motion carried.

Follow up on Planning Board's Master Plan: Kimberly stated the Planning Board is starting to work on the Master Plan.

EDC/Mettee Planning Consultants: Discussion was tabled.

Other Business: Charlie stated after he meets with Dave Price of Index Packaging he should have something more to report.

Brief discussion on the annual report. Cynthia stated Emery was such a steadfast volunteer on so many boards for so many years she would like to write something about him in the town report acknowledging his work. She would also like to list all 14 town owned conservation lands and easements. She will mention the town forest in the report in hopes of generating public interest. The board needs to try and recruit someone to take Emery's spot. Cynthia suggested to Tom that the town consider dedicating the annual report to Emery.

MOTION by Charlie to adjourn. Seconded by Tom. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:12pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Ladisheff
Land Use Clerk