



MILTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

PO Box 310
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Meeting Minutes
March 10, 2014

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

Others in attendance: Darrell DeTour, Mike Beaulieu.

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

Public Comments: Darrell DeTour came to the meeting to discuss the encroachments he had noted on the Lyman Brook conserved property and the actions of the commission to remedy those. After lengthy discussion the commissioners and Darrell came to a consensus that the first step will be to walk the land in the spring after the snow melts and to do so with the Selectmen and the landowners. The object of the walk will be to accurately identify the boundaries. Cynthia will draft a letter to the landowners apprising them of this and the commission will contact them again a couple of weeks before the proposed walk. On the subject of the encroachment on the Jones Brook property Steve suggested that we ask the town attorney for an opinion about a possible lien on the property that would require removal of the shed prior to any sale of said property. We did discuss the idea of boundary line adjustments, but are of the opinion that this might require involving the attorney general's office and could be an expensive endeavor.

Approval of minutes: Steve wanted to amend the minutes of the February 10 MCC meeting so made a motion to rescind the approval of the minutes that was made in a special meeting on February 27. Charlie K. seconded the motion and all those who had been in attendance approved. Those who had not been at that meeting abstained. Then Steve made a motion asking that his statement from the February 10 meeting be added to its minutes as follows: "Steve told Mr. Johnson that the fact that he had not been informed of the existence of an easement at the time of his purchase of the property was the responsibility of the title search agent and that it was to them that he should be addressing his complaint rather than the conservation commission." David seconded the motion and all who had been in attendance at that meeting approved. Those commissioners who had not been at the meeting abstained. Steve then made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 10 meeting as amended. David seconded the motion. All those commissioners who had been in attendance at that meeting approved and those who had not been there abstained. Steve then made a motion to approve the

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minutes of the February 27 meeting. Charlie K. seconded and all those who had attended the meeting approved. Those who had not attended the meeting abstained.

Welcome of New Commissioner: Cynthia and the commissioners welcomed new commissioner Charlie Ek.

Nute Conservation Easements: David reported that we now have an electronic copy of the appraisal done for Jonathan and Anne Nute on the properties they put under easement and that we also have “live ink” copies of the two pages signed by the appraiser.

Filing and Waterproof/fireproof safe: David said he would continue to pursue the use of some space in town hall for filing copies of our baselines, easements and monitoring reports. To deal with appropriate filing of our original documents David suggested the possibility of purchasing several small fireproof and waterproof chests. We would then need to find a home for them in a climate-controlled location.

Status of Ray’s Marina property: There was no further update on the marina.

Darrell DeTour’s baseline reports: Most of this was covered during the beginning public comments. There was discussion of encroachments on the Lancey/Ward property and a site walk was recommended for this as well as the one on Lyman Brook mentioned earlier. Steve said he would be getting back in touch with Mr. Hale regarding his activities on the Dames Brook property once the snow has melted.

Town Forest: Discussion of this project was tabled.

MCC warrant article: David said he would be at the polls all day with signs and handouts encouraging voters to support the warrant article.

Presentation by Charlie Karcher for Norway Plains: Charlie K. had two expedited permit applications to review with the commission. One was for Index packaging and the other for the property at 222 St. James Avenue. At Index they are relocating and enlarging the septic system requiring the crossing of wetland with piping to reach the new location. He presented maps and explained the plan. Steve made a motion to approve the signing of the application. Charlie E. seconded and all approved. Charlie K. abstained. Cynthia signed.

On the St. James property the permit is to replace the retaining wall on the shore. Charlie K. had a map and explained the plan. Steve made a motion to approve the signing of the permit. Charlie E. seconded and all approved. Charlie K. abstained. Cynthia signed.

SRPC- Granite State Future outreach: This item was tabled.

Other potential Conservation projects: This item was tabled.

Treasurer's Report: David presented a brief treasurer's report. Steve made a motion to approve reimbursement of \$143.59 to David for expenses related to making copies of baselines and mailing the hard copy of the Nute easement appraisal back to the Nutes. Charlie K. seconded and all approved. Charlie E. made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Charlie K. seconded and all approved.

Follow up on Planning Board's Master Plan: Discussion was tabled.

Other Business: Discussion was tabled.

Charlie K. made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Steve. All approved. The meeting was adjourned close to 9:00pm!

Respectfully submitted,
David Levin