

MILTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
PO Box 310
Milton, NH 03851
Meeting Minutes
May 12, 2014

In attendance: Chairman Cynthia Wyatt, David Levin, Charlie Karcher, Selectmen Representative Tom Gray, Steve Panish and Charles Ek. Also in attendance was Kimberly Ladisheff Land Use Clerk.

Public in attendance: Michael Beaulieu

Chairman Wyatt called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Public Comments: None

Approval of Minutes: Charles E. motioned to approve the April 14, 2014 meeting minutes as written. Motion seconded by Tom. Steve, Tom and David abstained. Motion carried.

Follow up on finding a water/fire proof off site safe for documents: need to find a place to keep these boxes. Steve stated he can keep them at his house. Discussion on all baseline documentation and monitoring reports to go into these files. David motioned to purchase 2 fire/water proof filing boxes for up to a total of \$350. Motion seconded by Charlie K. Motion carried.

Donated file: Cynthia is donating a professional looking file cabinet for important MCC documents. The MCC would like to keep it in the Selectmen's meeting room.

Ray's Marina property: Kimberly handed out a resolution letter from the EDC. The EDC wanted it on record they are in support of the MCC's purchase of the northeastern lot of Ray's Marina. Charlie K. discussed meeting with the EDC and explained what the letter was all about. There was a brief discussion of a potential business coming into Ray's. The MCC is going to wait a couple months then touch base with the bank again and let them know they are still interested.

Follow up regarding meeting with town attorney re: encroachments of conservation easements for Lyman Brook: Charlie showed a map with the amended boundary line for the easement on the Lyman Brook properties. Kevin McEneaney will only have to stake one point. Charlie also pushed the line out 50 feet to get around the fenced in pool that was encroaching. David asked about amending easements. Charlie stated no tax dollars were put into this, the land was donated so there shouldn't be a problem. Charles E. mentioned a trail that had been cut and wondered if it was in the baseline. He also stated on the Shevelin's property there had been cutting and a sign saying bridge closed due to mud season. The commission will do a site walk and check baseline for public access. **Charles E. motioned to approve the amended boundary line for Lyman Brook as done by Charlie Karcher. Motion was seconded by Tom. Motion carried.** There was a discussion on sending a letter to the landowners letting them know the boundary line has been amended. Tom mentioned having the landowners in again to let them know they have found a solution and would like their input. Kimberly will send out a letter inviting them to the next meeting. David also spoke with Darrell DeTour and let him know about moving the line.

Follow up on Jones Brook shed encroachment: Mr. Tournas' phone has been disconnected. Cynthia thought she would send him a letter.

Follow up on setting up site walk to Lancey/Ward: discussion that Wednesday or Thursday of next week would be a good time to do this. Tentative date of May 21 at 4:45pm they will meet at the corner of Hare Rd and 75.

Review and discuss Darrell DeTour's most recent baseline documentation: Table

Town Forest Project: brief discussion on creating a flier for the town forest. One side will be a bulleted information sheet and a copy of the map on the other side. Charles Ek will work on producing a colored flier. Cynthia mentioned looking into the moose plate grant for a management plan. The mailing will have to be paid out of the conservation funds. Kimberly is working on a mailing list. Cynthia stated she will donate a forester to go in and assess the property. She also feels it should be an easement and wanted to make sure everyone is ok with that idea. The commission was in agreement. They will divulge this as part of the plan. They will also put on the flier that they have received Selectmen endorsement.

SRPC-Granite State Future Outreach: discussion that many of the questions were very generic. Charles Ek stated the sample people were not demographic. He would like to see if this could be done on a town ballot. Cynthia's idea would be to better promote and maximize the tourist industry along this corridor. She feels their strength is in regional promotion. Charles thinks we need some consistent branding.

Potential Conservation Projects: Table

Treasurer's Report: David stated the only change was with the interest. He then mentioned the receivables and the final amount due from aged LUCT. He questioned if there had been any discussion with the BOS. Tom stated they will look at it. Kimberly then mentioned the payment to Strafford Rivers Conservancy was not in the default budget therefore she could not submit the membership dues. Tom motioned to approve the financial report. Motion seconded by Charles E. Motion carried.

There was a brief discussion on updating the Master Plan. Kimberly stated the Planning Board has started working on it. The Town Planner Jerry Coogan will submit some changes for the Planning Board's next meeting. Cynthia requested that he show the changes in red so the commission can see what is being changed.

Charlie K. motioned to adjourn. Motion seconded by Tom. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Ladisheff
Land Use Clerk