

MILTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
PO Box 310
Milton, NH 03851
Meeting Minutes
June 19, 2014

In attendance: Chairman Cynthia Wyatt, Charlie Karcher, Steve Panish, David Levin and Kimberly Ladisheff Land Use Clerk.

Public in attendance: Thomas Shevelin

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

Public Comment: None

Approval of Minutes: David motioned to approve the minutes of May 12, 2014 as written. Motion seconded by Charlie. Motion carried.

Vote to accept resignation: David motioned to accept Charles Ek's resignation from the MCC. Motion seconded by Charlie. Motion carried.

Follow up re: ReEnergy proposal: Consensus was the Town should stick with the zoning we have.

Follow up on finding a water/fire proof off site safe for documents: two have been purchased and will be stored in Steve's basement.

Donated file: Complete

Ray's Marina property: No updates

CE Encroachments:

- Jones Brook – Cynthia will follow up and ask Mr. Tournas to attend the next meeting.
- Lyman Brook encroachments – Town Attorney felt we could adjust the line because metes and bounds were never recorded. Mr. Shevelin of 104 Winding Road stated when he bought his home in 1992 it was clear there was a conservation easement. Cynthia stated the monitoring agent suggested checking NH laws. The Attorney General's office has rules about changing conservation covenants and there are 7 principles the MCC has to abide by when making these changes. Charlie will work on the line adjustment but needs to know where houses, driveways, etc. are because it's hard to show the lines without all the information. There was a lengthy discussion about the house that is encroaching being bank owned. Steve will contact the bank to see what can be worked out. The board then discussed at length the obvious wetlands violations on Johnson's lot. Charlie stated they, as a Conservation Commission, should let DES know.

David motioned to rescind the previous motion made at the May meeting to move the conservation line at Lyman Brook based on subsequent further legal opinion from Attorney Thomas Masland who is a specialist in conservation easement law and that we table further action on this until we can meet with the Selectmen. Motion seconded by Charlie. Motion carried.

- Lancey-Ward site visit – Darrel DeTour attended the site visit and identified where the markers were. Cynthia stated there were not terrible encroachments, some mowing, raised beds, an animal hutch and a gas can were a few. Kim will send out follow up letters from the site walk.
- Check baselines – table
- Follow up with Greg Hale – Steve has not called Mr. Hale yet.

Town Forest Project: advocating to designate 72 acre forested property off of Casey Road, Map 41/69 as a town forest. Discussion on cohosting an informational meeting at the end of July with the Selectmen. Kim will check with the BOS and set a date.

SRPC: Table

Proposals for EDC: Table

Potential Conservation Projects: Table

Treasurer's Report: David presented the balance sheet as of May 31st. He stated no LUCT was collected. Some interest was collected leaving a balance of \$100,226.14. David mentioned the final payment due from the town to the conservation fund for the aged LUCT. He stated it is part of the default budget so they will receive it this year. July 1st is the deadline for taxes so now would be a good time to go to the Selectmen. Charlie motioned following up on the motion approved at last month's meeting to pay up to \$350 for the purchase of 2 water/fire proof safes we move to pay \$273.68 to David Levin for purchase of said safes. Motion seconded by Steve. Motion carried.

Follow up with PB regarding update to Milton's Master Plan: Kimberly stated the Town Planner, Jerry Coogan has been working on updates.

Other Business: Charlie mentioned the notice the MCC received from NHDES regarding 160 Governor's Road. DES wanted the MCC to be aware because it is a bank owned property now. The issue is an illegal driveway with illegal fill.

David motioned to adjourn at 8:55pm. Motion seconded by Charlie. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Ladisheff
Land Use Clerk