



MILTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
PO BOX 310
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Meeting Minutes
August 11, 2014

Members in attendance: Chairman Cynthia Wyatt, Tom Gray, David Levin, Steve Panish and Barbara Berry. Charlie Karcher was absent with excuse. Also in attendance, Kimberly Ladisheff Land Use Clerk.

Public in attendance: Peter Tournas, Kristen LaPanne and Joel Kost.

Cynthia called the meeting to order at 6:30pm and appointed Barbara as a full voting member.

Public Comment

None

CE Encroachments

Because Mr. Tournas was in attendance the board decided to change the order of the agenda and discuss the follow up on the Jones Brook shed encroachment. There was a brief discussion on moving the line of the easement but in order for the MCC to move the line so the shed would not be encroaching, the easement has to stay the same size. By law, what the MCC takes they have to give that amount back. Cynthia will talk with Charlie Karcher, as he was unable to attend the meeting, regarding moving the line. Mr. Tournas will attend the next meeting on September 8.

Tom rescinded his motion to accept David Levin's resignation. Motion was seconded by Steve. Motion carried.

Town Forest Project

Discussion on informational meeting held on July 28. The objective of the meeting was to see if there was enough interest in forming a committee. This committee has to be appointed by the BOS. They have only received 3 letters of interest so far. Board decided to give it some more time and see if more letters come in. This group would write a warrant article that goes with RSA on establishing a town forest. People need to be more educated. Andy Fast had suggested the committee apply for the moose plate grant that would pay for an assessment by a NH certified forester. That would give us an idea of potential value. There was a brief discussion on the survey results that have been coming in. Of the people that attended the meeting most are more interested in putting a conservation easement on the property more than a town forest. Discussion on monitoring and the substantial costs. MCC can't monitor it themselves. Vote to ask MMRG if they would hold this easement and ask for a budget. Tom motioned to ask MMRG about easement. Steve seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Tom motioned to approve the minutes of July 14, 2014. David seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Tom motioned to approve the minutes of July 28, 2014. David seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Discuss the makeup of the MCC Board

Barbara Berry has been appointed to the Conservation Commission. Due to David resigning there was an opening. Now that David is staying on, Barbara will be an alternate. Thomas Shevelin is also interested in becoming a member. Kim will call him to see if he is interested in being an alternate. Discussion on changing from a 5 member board to a 7 member board. Kim will call the town attorney to see what the process is to do that and to also change the bylaws.

Follow up designating times to work on both off site and on site files

Cynthia will get the hanging racks for the files and she, Charlie and David will work on filling them with the reports.

Ray's Marina property

Brief discussion on the conceptual plan for the redevelopment of the former Ray's Marina. Applicants were before the Planning Board to propose a Dunkin Donuts with drive through service, a possible bank branch with drive through and multiple retail tenants within the remainder of the building.

Follow up Lyman Brook house encroachment

The house is owned by FNMA, Steve submitted a letter to them and has not heard anything. The house is now under contract. Need to let FNMA know the Town is not happy with a sale until this is resolved and let them know what is being proposed. There cannot be any net loss of conservation land. David and Cynthia will get a letter together.

Potential conservation projects

Board decided they have enough going on right now unless something comes up. Cynthia reminded everyone that the town did vote to place conservation easements on the old ski area and the Jones Brook property. She suggests they wait until the encroachments are cleared up.

Treasurer's Report

David presented the balance sheet as of 7/31/14. Brief discussion on money owed from aged LUCT. The town also collected monies for LUCT in June and July and the portion owed to the MCC is \$5,605.15. Monies were transferred into the general fund for invoices paid leaving a balance of \$99,101.54. If the aged LUCT in the amount of \$50,000.00 is paid and once the other invoices owed are transferred to the general fund the "actual" total will be \$148,346.55.

Tom motioned to approve the treasurer's report. Motion seconded by Steve. Motion carried.

Natural Resources Chapter of Milton's Master Plan

Gerald Coogan, Town Planner asked that the MCC to work on updating the natural resources chapter of the Master Plan. There was discussion on working on that individually for the next meeting.

Discuss idea to host a brain storming meeting on September 25th to promote a regional tourism initiative

Cynthia mentioned that typically people pass through our town, we have a lot to offer but people don't know about it. Dave Guttadaro who owns Tumbledown Café in Wakefield, has offered to host a brainstorming session in his barn. SRPC has offered to facilitate the meeting. She would like to include NH Farm Museum, MacKenzie's, Bob Bordeau's ski area, MMRG with trails, Branch Hill Farm,

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Wakefield Heritage Bureau. We can look for input from all the towns, Cynthia will put together a list and asked if people can add to it. They will have a structured meeting first then maybe a social hour.

Tom motioned to go into closed session under RSA 91-A: 3 II (c) Motion seconded by David. Motion carried.

Tom motioned to come out of nonpublic. Motion seconded by Steve. Motion carried.

David motioned to seal nonpublic minutes for 1 year. Motion seconded by Tom. Motion carried.

David motioned at 7:50pm to adjourn. Motion seconded by Tom. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Ladisheff
Land Use Clerk