

MILTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
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Meeting Minutes
October 14, 2014

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

Public in attendance: Eric Knapp

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

No Public Comment

Approval of Minutes – Changes to the September 3, 2014 minutes; there were a few grammatical errors, Section 674:2 Master Plan; Purpose and Description was added and Charlie wanted his statement that he is not in favor of ReEnergy coming to Milton added. Last paragraph change hearings to forums. Charlie motioned to approve the September 3, 2014 as amended. Motion seconded by Steve. Cynthia and Mike abstained. Motion carried.

MCC Board Makeup – discussion on other people being interested in becoming MCC members, Derek Hurn, Steve Baker, and Tom Shevelin. Commissioner David Levin will be moving and Steve mentioned they really need someone to keep on top of the financial report, as David has always had accurate accounting of our finances. Cynthia will call Mr. Baker and Mr. Shevelin to see if they are still interested. She mentioned the board can have 5 members and up to 3 alternates. We really want to encourage the Planning Board to carry on with the Master Plan update and we need to get involved and review the NRI and should make a concerted effort to work on our part. Cynthia stated she reached out to the Town Planner, Jerry Coogan and they discussed it would be really good to get some public forums going for input. There was a brief discussion concerning the Economic Development Committee. Cynthia stated she had volunteered to be on their board but was ignored. She stated people that want to serve on the EDC should be allowed to serve, they shouldn't be selective, that's baloney. Mike then mentioned the EDC should hold their meetings at night instead of in the afternoon. Charlie recommended having a special meeting to discuss the NRI. It was decided the meeting will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 5th at 5:30pm.

Follow up on designating times to work on both off site and on site files – Cynthia will try and get to Town Hall and start on some files. Kim will help with the files in the office also.

Ray's Marina property – no updates

CE Encroachments – Cynthia mentioned she has asked Terry Knowles with AG's office to get involved with the Lyman Brook encroachments. Terry will need a copy of the conservation easement deed. Jones Brook encroachment – discussion on adjusting the lot lines so that the shed would not be encroaching. Charlie showed on a map a few possibilities that could be done to correct this. They

weren't sure how many feet it would be but decided whatever it takes to get past the shed. Get Mr. Tournas' ok before having it surveyed. This will have to go before the Planning Board for a lot line revision.

Town Forest Project – conservation easement project. Asked MMRG if they would take the easement, they are interested but probably not for a year or so. Cynthia mentioned Keith Fletcher, Director of Land Conservation had asked about the town forest project so maybe something has changed and they can work on this sooner. There was a brief discussion on whether or not to put it on this year's warrant. Steve said if there is going to be a committee formed then maybe they should be involved. He doesn't think it is a big rush for this year. There was talk of a town trails committee being formed also. They feel Eric Knapp would be good for that.

Potential conservation projects – several years ago the town voted to place a conservation easement on the old ski area. Haven't been able to pursue an easement due to all work, surveys, baselines, etc. We should look for an easement holder once we fix encroachment of the shed on Jones Brook. Cynthia mentioned they should also do that for the Spaulding Turnpike property. Steve stated that has not been voted on. Charlie motioned to put together a warrant article to place Map 27 Lot 1 in conservation. Motion seconded by Steve. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

David had put together the balance sheets for August and September. As of August 31st the total liabilities and equity is \$104,758.38. As of September 30th the total was \$104,810.02. Town still owes us \$50,000 so the actual total is \$154,055.03. Steve motioned to approve the 2 financial reports. Charlie seconded. Motion carried.

Invitation to promote tourism - Cynthia mentioned there is another meeting coming on October 23rd at Tumbledown Café.

Other Business

Memo from TA regarding the proposed sale of Map 37 Lot 3 to the abutter at Lot 4, Glen Hyslop. RSA 41:14-a requires the Selectmen to submit a proposed sale or purchase to the Conservation Commission for review and recommendation. Steve moved to approve the request of Glen Hyslop to purchase the property. Motion seconded by Charlie. Motion carried.

Dues for NH Assoc. of Conservation Commissions – Not due until April of 2015. Hold off until we know if budget passes.

Cynthia stated she is going to step down as Chair for the moment because she wrote a letter to Robbie Parsons, Chairman of the EDC, as a concerned resident regarding the proposed landfill and copied all the boards. She read the letter aloud and also read the letters submitted by the TPPA.

Motion by Charlie to adjourn at 7:50pm. Motion seconded by Steve. Motion carried.

Respectively submitted,

Kimberly Ladisheff
Land Use Clerk