

**Milton Conservation Commission
PO Box 310
Milton, NH 03851
Meeting Minutes
December 8, 2014**

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

Public in attendance: Kyle Pimental, David Paey, Sean Skillings

Chairman Cynthia Wyatt called the meeting to order at 6:35pm

Public Comment

None

Chairman Wyatt decided to change the order of the agenda for the people in attendance to speak first.

Kyle Pimental with Strafford Regional Planning Commission

Cynthia introduced Kyle Pimental with SRPC. The MCC has been asked to update the Natural Resources Chapter of the Master Plan. The MCC is asking Kyle to refine the Groundwater Protection Overlay map which appears to be incomplete in Milton's Zoning Ordinance. Kyle has updated wellhead protection areas which weren't on the previous map. There is nothing on a map that coordinates with what is in the ordinance. He stated the Town should have a general idea of what the area is and make sure what we have on the books is what the state recommends. Milton has no digital file for tax parcel data and if SRPC does that for the Town they would also maintain it and update on a yearly basis. Kyle will put together a proposal for the cost of this. Kyle stated the first step is to go through what the Town has right now and SRPC will give ideas of what their recommendations are and it will be up to the Town to decide what they want. Run by the PB to make sure parcels are correct. Kyle will put together a proposal and go through rest of zoning and make recommendations. Groundwater Audit around \$3,000-5,000 for entire town and can be tied to the assessing data.

Sean Skilling with TPPA

Sean attended to discuss grant money available for cleaning up water runoff and erosion control on people's properties on the shoreland. He stated they have found 158 sites that have issues. There is Federal grant money available and TPPA will give \$250 towards each project but most people aren't interested. Sean stated they have done mailings, door hangers, etc. They are trying to educate people and hoping the Town can help get the word out there. Volunteers of the group will do all the work. Cynthia said they can maybe get Dr. Haney back for a workshop on the water's edge. Cynthia asked how they can help. T. Gray asked Sean to get an informational sheet together and we can put on the town website.

Approval of Minutes

Change T. Gray's term expiration from 2016 to 2015 and change the nonpublic letter (c) to (e). S. Panish motioned to approve the November 10, 2014 minutes with changes. Motion seconded by B. Berry. T. Gray abstained. Motion carried.

Darrell DeTour's cost proposal for monitoring

S. Panish motioned to approve Darrell's proposal for monitoring the Spaulding property, Frizzelle easement, Lavalliere easement, Lancey-Ward easement, Lyman Brook easement, 2 Nute easements and the Silver Springs easements and spend up to \$750.00. Motion seconded by B. Berry. Motion carried.

Commissioners report on work on NR and NRI

Board decided to table for tonight and set up workshop for Tuesday, January 13th at 6:00pm at Town Hall to work on NR and NRI.

Update from BOS regarding the makeup of the MCC Board

Brief discussion on the makeup of the board. Currently there are 5 regular members and they can have up to 3 alternates. David Paey asked what is need to become a member. Chairman Wyatt stated just willingness. David may be interested.

Ray's Marina property updates

The new owner has gone before the PB for a Site Plan. The site plan has been approved for a Dunkin Donuts, Subway sandwich shop and retail facility.

CE Encroachments

Follow up on Jones Brook Park shed encroachment. In the process of getting proposals for doing lot line adjustment. Norway Plains would be \$1200. Cynthia will reach out to Berry Surveying also. This will be resolved soon.

Follow up 20 Rookery Rd., Lyman Brook house encroachment. A certified letter was sent in hopes the new owner would come to tonight's meeting. S. Panish mentioned the board needs to talk to the BOS to have a game plan. If they do a modification of an easement it has to go to AG's office for approval. There was a discussion that a conceptual plan is needed. McKeanney did survey and Cynthia will ask him. Steve thinks they should double the area so AG's office doesn't question it is a net gain for Conservation.

Town Forest Project

Put list together and Kim will call the interested people. The CC would like MMRG to hold the easement, not the Town. S. Panish stated Virginia Long who is the Executive Director of MMRG would like to be informed of items such as; status of any survey, if the Town has clear title, and what sort of things will be put in the easement. C. Wyatt stated those would all be questions for the committee. They will check if the Town Attorney will do a title search. They would also like Virginia to come and talk about the process of conservation easements to the new committee. Purpose of this committee is to decide the future of this property. When committee is formed they can use the MCC as a tool for questions, etc.

Discuss workshop regarding Section 91A

Brief discussion that the meeting was interesting, advised that they shouldn't be emailing at all, not even agendas, minutes, etc.

Potential conservation projects

Table but keep projects on agenda for future meetings.

Treasurer's Report

S. Panish is now taking care of the report and he has come up with a different format. The board was fine with the new format. Discussion on stewardship fund and the monitoring should be paid out of this account. NHACC has contacted S. Panish about our Stewardship Monitoring subaccount. Kim will help Cynthia with the spread sheet of expenditures out of CF for Annual Report.

Other Business

Shoreland Permit for 118 St. James Ave. will be tabled until next meeting.

T. Gray mentioned the posted property on Rocky Point. The BOS had asked Public Works to post "No Hunting" signs but it was mistakenly posted for no hunting, fishing, trapping or trespassing for any purpose. The PWD feels this is conservation land so the signs should come from their funds. C. Wyatt doesn't feel it's a conservation issue unless it's stated in the easement "no hunting". She will look into it.

Update: Promote Tourism

Moose Mountain Regional Alliance will be holding these meetings. The meetings are the third Thursday of the month, but not the month of December.

S. Panish motioned to adjourn at 8:34pm. Motion seconded by B. Berry. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Ladisheff
Land Use Clerk