

**Milton Conservation Commission  
PO Box 310  
Milton, NH 03851  
February 27, 2019  
Special Meeting Minutes**

Members in Attendance: Cynthia Wyatt, Karen Golab, Steve Panish, Paul Blanc, Virginia Long (alternate, secretary for the evening)  
Public in Attendance: Dick and Rhonda Burke

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

Review letter to PB and BOS regarding Warrant Article 3: Cynthia read aloud a letter (attached) stating concerns of the MCC regarding possible unintended consequences that could arise from Warrant Article 3, which if approved, would amend the Milton Zoning Ordinance. Some discussion ensued. Members of the public in attendance supported the letter. Karen asked for clarification about what happens if the Article passes and Cynthia answered it would be in effect for at least one year, until another amendment warrant article could be put on the ballot.

Steve moved to approve the letter, Karen seconded the motion and all voted in favor of the motion.

Discussion followed about if the letter should be disseminated on town social media and the Town website. Although no explicit advocacy was expressed in the letter, there was general agreement to ask the Town Administrator to review it and give his opinion on disseminating it this way. Cynthia will contact the Town Administrator about this.

Paul inquired about the removal of the statement of BOS support for Article 3 on the Warrant. Cynthia replied that she consulted with the NH Municipal Association and was advised that a Select Board cannot legally take a position on Zoning or Planning Articles. After the Town Counsel confirmed this, the BOS support statement was removed from the warrant.

Karen inquired about other actions that could be taken. Cynthia reminded Commission members that it is important that we work collaboratively with other Town Boards. Virginia mentioned that the Town Administrator reminded her that the CC cannot advocate for people to vote a certain way. CC members can advocate as individuals as long as it's clear they are not acting in official capacity.

Letter from Norm Turgeon of TPPA: Cynthia read into the record a letter from Norm Turgeon (attached). TPPA's bylaws do not allow them to undertake political advocacy.

Other business - Warrant Article 16: Virginia moved for the CC to endorse Article 16, which will raise and appropriate \$5,000 for the Casey Road Conservation land easement project. Karen seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Minutes:

Steve moved to approve the minutes of CC meeting on 2/11/2019. Paul seconded. All in favor.  
Steve moved to approve the minutes of CC meeting on 2/20/2019. Paul seconded. Karen abstained. All remaining CC members in favor.

Steve moved to adjourn, Karen seconded the motion. All in favor; meeting adjourned at 7:07 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Virginia Long