

## **MINUTES from the Milton CC Casey Road Land Protection Committee Meeting**

**Wednesday, July 24, 2019**

Present: Karen Golab, Wayne Sylvester, Cynthia Wyatt, Virginia Long, and Bob Weiss (new CC member, willing to serve on this committee); Guest: Jonathan Nute (MMRG Board member)

### **5:35 pm Karen started the meeting**

0. Start with other business to accommodate Jon Nute- Jon explained he is a retired forester and surveyor so well qualified to assist contracted surveyor Steve Perron and thus reduce the cost of the survey. Ways Jon will help:
  - a. Write letter to each abutter, announcing survey and invite them to contact Jon if they have questions
  - b. Search for copies of all abutter deeds from Milton files; Steve Perron will make sure these match the Town's deed for the Casey Rd Conservation Land
  - c. Help S. Perron with survey in the fall
  - d. Blaze trees on boundaries and add easement markers
  - e. Steward the land as volunteer monitor for MMRG (Jon lives 'right around the corner')

Jon also disclosed that he has 40 acres under easement, with Town as easement holder, MMRG as backup easement holder.

Karen expressed gratitude in advance on behalf of the CRLPC for all of Jon's work.

1. **Minutes approval:** Wayne moved to approve minutes of 6/19/19. Cynthia seconded. All approved.
2. **Discussion of easement:** Virginia reported that Dan has begun working on the easement language, no time estimate as of yet. Cynthia will ask him his expected timeline.
3. **Discussion of bus turnaround:** Virginia reported she met Pat Smith (Public Works Director) over at Casey Rd to hear his alternative proposal. Pat suggested making a turnaround for use in the dry season only, using wood chips, not gravel. He will do the excavating work in his spare time when he is between projects (won't be able to start until fall, since he is currently down 6 employees). This way, no costs are incurred! The committee was happy with this suggestion. Virginia also reported that told pat we will enlist volunteers to cut small trees to help get some preliminary work done. The committee was willing to do this as part of a volunteer work day at the property. We also discussed that we need to get BOS permission before making the turnaround area, since it is Town property. Karen will do this when she goes before the BOS on 8/19, assuming Pat has no objections to us mentioning his plan. (Virginia will confirm this) Virginia will also try to meet with Tim Eldirdge (school bus coordinator) and Pat over at the property and get a sketch of the area to be expanded into the turnaround. It was also mentioned we need to check on stone wall regulations, since a few feet of the wall will need to come down to allow bus to pass. Karen suggested sending Pat a thank you card or letter and all agreed.
4. **List of tasks for easement:** Virginia and Cynthia pointed out that MMRG now has responsibility.
  - a. Wayne reported that Matt Stier will fundraise for and build a kiosk at the Casey Rd property for his Eagle Scout project, to be modeled after the one at Plummers Rdige but smaller and

to be installed between the bus turnaround area and the trail entrance. Cynthia will measure existing map and give those dimensions to Wayne. A separate sign can indicate the allowed uses (the welcome sign). The kiosk can be built without the sign and the committee can install the sign and map later. Another copy of the welcome sign should be at the entrance to the turnaround/parking area. Virginia will send to Karen an electronic copy of the sign with modifications discussed. After the easement is complete, the committee will bring a copy of the sign to the BOS to approve.

- b. **Trail map:** Wayne reported that Matt Steir's Eagle Scout project will be to clean up and blaze remaining trails, renew faded blazes, and create trail to beaver dam. There was discussion that we need to get permission from landowners of open space land: Town and 6 others that have interest in the 11.3 acre property. Cynthia will inquire of Town attorney how to go about this.
5. **Fundraising:** complete, and CRLPC has no responsibility if MMRG runs over its budget.
6. **Other business:** We discussed how to present the proposed sign stating allowed property uses to the BOS, which Karen will do on at the Aug 19 BOS meeting. After considerable debate, there was general consensus that Karen would express the following to the BOS: "Some people on the committee believe town public input would be desirable concerning the allowed uses, due to there being some controversial items on the prohibited list (eg, hunting and bicycling)."

**7. Next meeting date is Wednesday, Aug 21 at 5:30 pm**

Wayne moved to adjourn, Cynthia seconded, all in favor. **Meeting adjourned at 7:04 pm.**

Respectfully submitted by Virginia