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Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes- February 10, 2020

Members in Attendance: Cynthia Wyatt, Steve Panish, Karen Golab, Bob Weiss, Deb McCormack, Paul Blanc, Wayne Sylvester. **Also in Attendance** Ashley Morrill Land Use Clerk

Public Attendance: John Katwick, Bob Carrier

J. Katwick provided the Commission with a printout of his findings of the Jones Brook Conservation land. (appendix 1) He expressed concerns with the property not being used or maintained and asked the Commission why the property has not been kept up and why its locked. C. Wyatt asked if he knew why the property was barricaded and by who. J. Katwick stated the Town did based on what is written in the monitoring report and stated that the Town does not budget for parks and that the Highway Department is maintaining some of them. J. Katwick said he has brought up the issue to the Select Board several times at meetings, but it never made it into the minutes. He also stated he took the park sign to clean and still has it in his possession and that the sign is made from aluminum and was laying on the ground along with the post. The sign references "Durgin Fund" but he believes it could be the Lock Hart Fund based on what he found in the 1998 annual report. J. Katwick also stated the parking lot is overgrown and shrubs were removed. He mentioned that there is a 3.86-acre lot that abuts the property and it would be nice to combine. He wants to see everyone work together to get the park back up and going again. J. Katwick pointed out that some of the monitoring tags had fallen. S. Panish believes they were placed by the state. The Commission stated they believe the property was being used for partying. J. Katwick stated the police were not aware it was closed. K. Golab stated there were reports of dumping and C. Wyatt said there are invasive species in there. G. Golab believes the best way to go about it would be to get volunteers to help with the cleanup. J. Katwick said he has 6 volunteers ready to go. C. Wyatt suggested a committee appointed by the Select Board which would allow for funding. The Commission said they would write a letter to the Select Board supporting John's efforts to restore the park. S. Panish said it would be good to ask the police to keep an eye on the property.

B. Carrier said the park is beautiful and is willing to help.

Approve January 22, 2020 minutes: B. Weiss motions to approve the January 22, 2020 meeting minutes. S. Panish seconds. Motion passes

Update of Casey Rd. Project: K. Golab states she will be attending the Select Board's meeting on March 2nd, 2020 to personally invite them on a site walk of the 3.04 acres abutting the Casey Road property. She said Jill from Moose Mountain will be attending the next Casey Road Land Project meeting. She is

not sure of the status of the easement, it's still with the attorney. C. Wyatt suggested holding up on the easement until the Select Board decide on the 3.04 acres. The Committee also talked about the Liberty Circle landowners giving up their portion of the conservation land. The Committee decided to not pursue. K. Golab stated the only question to the Conservation Committee is do they really want to take the next step of charging them for monitoring. K. Golab's opinion is no but wants to hear from everyone else. Her opinion is to also provide a warning not just a bill. C. Wyatt agreed and said based on the easement the landowners should be covering the expense as well as maintaining the signage. The next thing they spoke about was the trail going up to the beaver dam. K Golab said per the attorney they must make sure they do not disturb any wetlands or endangered species. C. Wyatt stated she would ask Dan Coons to walk the property to determine location of wetlands. P. Blanc offered to create a map showing the walking trail to provide to the landowners. D. McCormack offered to go door to door.

D. McCormack spoke about creating a geocache location and that there are 420 items registered in Milton.

Review and approve monitoring invoice from Kane Conservation: S Panish motions to approve paying the monitoring invoice from Kane Conservation in the amount of \$2,560.00. B. Blanc seconds. Motion passes. S. Panish informed the Commission that the shed on Herron Circle has been removed. He also said the monitoring report reference a couple violations which were a playhouse and treehouse. S. Panish said they are nicely done. C. Wyatt suggested sending a letter to the homeowners. S. Panish disagreed saying, the easement was done very poorly, the homeowners have very little yard. K. Golab agreed with C. Wyatt by saying we can't treat one landowner differently than the others.

Discuss the progress of the Education Committee: Tabled- W. Sylvester left the meeting early.

Discuss Financial Report: S. Panish stated there is roughly One Hundred Twenty Thousand (120,000.00) in the Conservation Commission accounts.

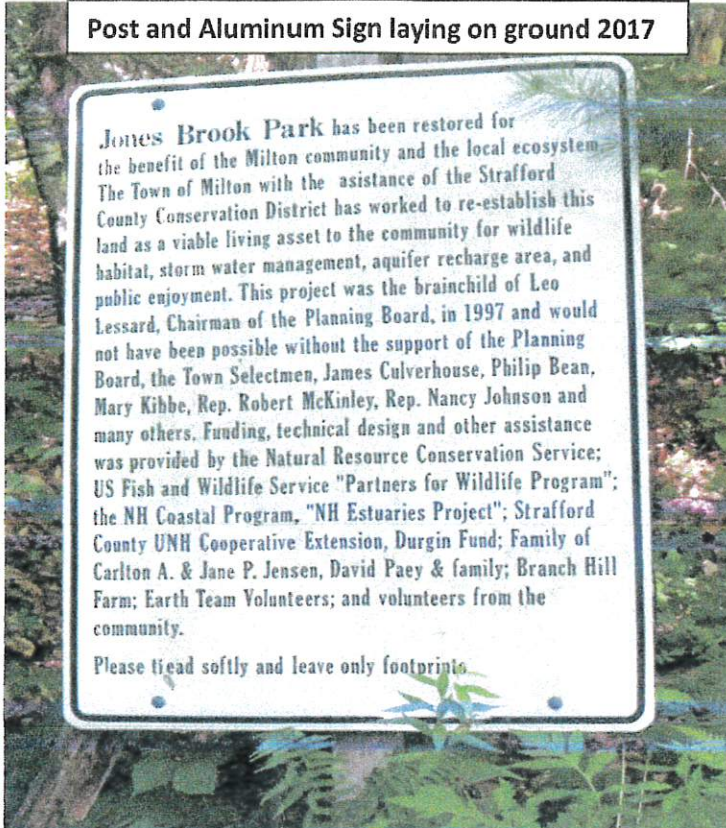
Review MCC Bylaws: tabled

Other business: C. Wyatt read a letter she wrote John Nute. The Commission all agreed to sign and mail it.

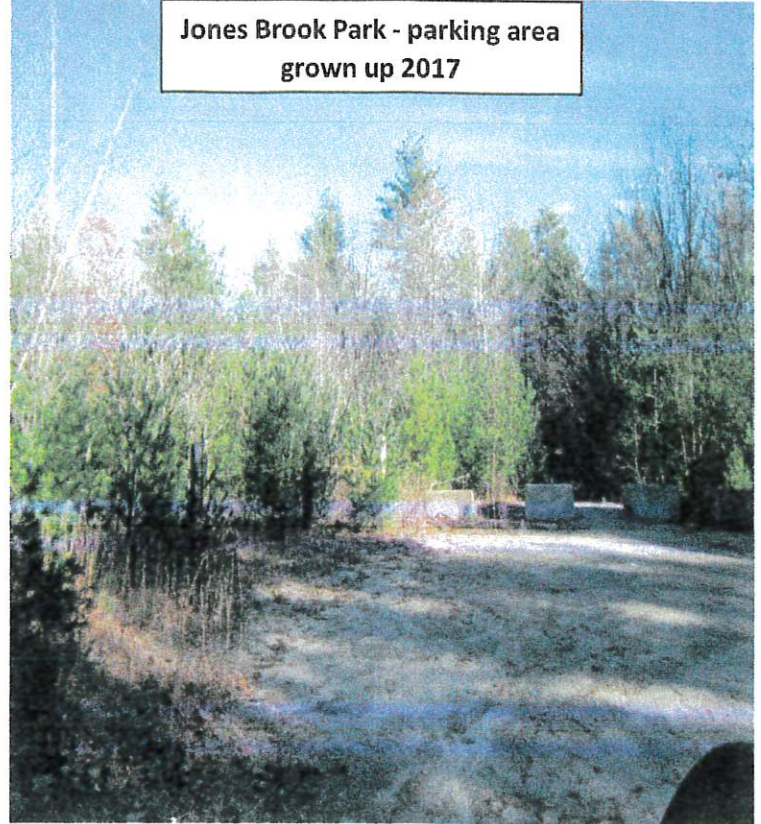
S. Panish motions to Adjourn. K. Golab seconds. Meeting adjourned at 7:24pm.

Entry way to Jones Brook Park

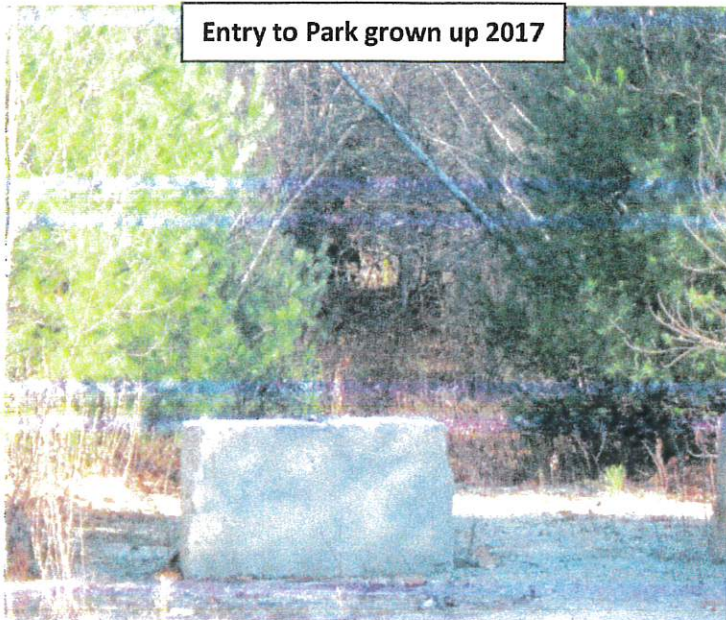
Post and Aluminum Sign laying on ground 2017



Jones Brook Park - parking area grown up 2017



Entry to Park grown up 2017



Rt. 125 Jones Brook Sign Post fallen down 2017



Please read the sign above and share your question with me.

I was notified by the Public that the Aluminum sign above was laying on the ground in 2017, so I have picked it up and I have it in my position so it would not be stolen.





Photo 5. Beaver activity.



Photo 6. View of Branch River.



Photo 11. Pond appears to be murky, cause unknown. Possibly algae?