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10/27/20Meeting Minutes6:30 PMConservation Special Meeting

<u>Present Members:</u> Cynthia Wyatt, Steve Panish, Wayne Sylvester, Virginia Long, Karen Golab, Deborah McCormick, Robert Weiss.

#### **Absent Members:**

**Staff Present:** Julius Peel, Land Use Clerk. Bruce Woodruff Town Planner.

Notice is hereby given in accordance with RSA 676:5 & 676:7 and the NH

Governor's Emergency Order #23 that the **Milton Conservation Commission** will hold their next meeting on October 27th at 6:30 PM remotely, using the Zoom web-based platform where members will not be physically present at one meeting location. All discussion must be audible for citizens viewing or listening to the meeting through Zoom services (computer or phone).

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#### I. Call to Order:

6:30 AM Start. All members of the board were present once Wayne Sylvester joined. Cynthia explained to the board the error in the agenda but notes that they should be able to cover everything they need to under other business.

#### II. Review Invoices:

Steve Panish, Treasurer, explains that there are a few purchases that need to be approved by the Commission.

#### Motion:

\*Steve Panish motions to expend \$100 from the Conservation General Fund to pay Moose Mountain Regional Greenways, Seconded by Wayne Sylvester. The vote is approved unanimously. The Motion Passes. \*

#### **Motion:**

\*Steve Panish motions to expend \$325 from the Conservation General Fund for the NH association of Conservation commissions membership, Seconded by Bob Weiss. The vote is approved unanimously. The Motion Passes. \*

#### **Motion:**

• Steve Panish motions to expend \$347.22 from the Conservation General Fund for Public Notice Expenditure Reimbursement to the General Fund, Seconded by Wayne Sylvester. The vote is approved unanimously. The Motion Passes. \*

#### **Motion:**

\*Steve Panish motions to expend \$100 from the Conservation General Fund for the Southeast Land Trust, Seconded by Bob Weiss. The vote is approved unanimously. The Motion Passes. \*

#### **Motion:**

\*Steve Panish motions to expend \$41.99 from the Conservation General Fund for reimbursement of Virginia Long, Seconded by Karen Golab. The vote is approved unanimously. The Motion Passes. \*

#### III. Review/Approval of Draft Informational Educational Outreach Letter to Protect:

Virginia Long explains that the informational Educational outreach letter is designed to be placed on the website as it has links to other webpages with information regarding the safeguarding the water quality of the ponds. As of right now there is no hard copy version of this document because of its reliance on the hyperlinks.

#### Motion:

\*Karen Golab Motions to approve the educational resources for the town and library website, Seconded by Bob Weiss. The vote is approved unanimously. The Motion Passes.\*

# IV. Review/Edit Draft Letter Sent to Ernie For Review Re: Shoreland Permit for Impact Projects:

The board expressed its concerns that the educational resources will not reach all the members of the community that live on the water if it is just on the website. The board discussed the draft letter emailed to Town Administrator Ernie Creveling suggesting that a BMP document for shoreland projects be handed out to landowners applying for shoreland permits or stapled to permits for shoreland impact projects. Julius weighed in that this may be difficult to administer. Cynthia Wyatt offers the idea to the board of a mass mailing to shoreland property owners' information regarding the current state of the Ponds and to include links to all shoreland BMP's. Cynthia volunteered to follow up on the draft letter to the Town Administrator. The MCC will wait for the Education Subcommittee to suggest other educational outreach initiatives.

#### V. <u>Wetlands Permit Application:</u>

Bruce Woodruff joins the meeting at 7:22PM. He explains that he and Brian Boyers, Code Enforcement Officer, went to the site of the Wetlands Permit Application. He explains that the property has a retaining wall that has slowly begun to fall towards the water. Bruce is very concerned that the wall will fall into the water before the end of the winter/spring. Virginia Long expressed her concerns with the type of application, feeling that the application is not the correct one and that this could elongate the response time. After discussing with the Commission, the difference between the type of applications, the board moves to the motion.

#### Motion:

\*Karen Golab motions to have Cynthia Wyatt sign the wetlands permit, Seconded by Bob Weiss.
The vote is approved unanimously. The Motion Passes. \*

### VI. Other Business

Cynthia Wyatt askes the board if the commission would be interested in hiring a wetlands surveyor, independent wetlands scientists or doing nothing on town owned properties that are potentially up for sale. The commission agrees that they will let Cynthia reach out to Cindy Balcius for a cost estimate.

#### VII. Casey Road Update:

Bob Weiss explained that he went to Casey Road to try and use the QR codes along the trail. He notes that only a few of them worked. Once he gets the link to the right website, he will fix them and tell the board of his changes next meeting. The Casey Road Easement was also signed by the select board, so the commission expressed that there would need to be a celebration at some point.

## VIII. October 13th Minutes Review:

Bob offers an amendment that would change "offer to purchase," to "Offer to help purchase." The commission agrees and moves to accepting the minutes of October 13<sup>th</sup>.

#### IX. Public Comment:

\*No Public Comment\*

#### **Motion:**

\*Steve Panish motions to adjourn, Seconded by Karen Golab. The vote is approved unanimously. The Motion Passes adjourning the meeting. \*