

Town of Milton

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Conservation Commission

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2/8/21

Meeting Minutes

5:30PM

Present Members: Cynthia Wyatt, Steve Panish, Wayne Sylvester, Virginia Long, Karen Golab, Deborah McCormack, Robert Weiss

Absent Members:

Staff Present: Julius Peel, Land Use Department

Special Meeting Notice - Electronic

- I. Ascertain who is present.
- II. Bruce Woodruff Shares Information about MS4

Bruce Explained to the commission the work that the community has done so far, explaining that the town is behind on its MS4 permit and should have completed the NOI in 2018 and the plan in 2019. He mentions the affected bodies of water that are currently not conforming to the MS4 permit and mentions that as a community there are steps that need to be done, by every department. He references the links and information listed below for information and guidance.

1. **Resources for NH Small MS4 Permit Requirements:**

- a. EPA Presentation on 11/20/2017 to the Seacoast Stormwater Coalition: https://www4.des.state.nh.us/nh-ms4/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/Suzanne-Warner-EPA-NOI-Presentation_NH2017.pdf
- b. Milton map that includes the MS4 boundary and impaired waterbodies can be found on the MS4 Blog at: <https://www4.des.state.nh.us/nh-ms4/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/2016SeacoastImpairedWatersN-P.zip>.
- c. All NH Resources for the Small MS4 communities can be found on the MS4 Blog at: https://www4.des.state.nh.us/nh-ms4/?page_id=54. There are some resources that are specific to each of the NH stormwater coalitions and will be noted as such. If they are not, then all NH stormwater coalitions are using the materials.
- d. You can look at other NH communities NOIs as they have recently been posted on the EPA webpage at: <https://www.epa.gov/npdes-permits/regulated-ms4-new-hampshire-communities>. This may be useful to you as you fill out the NOI for the Town of Milton.
- e. I have attached some slides you may want to use and/or modify for your use for your upcoming presentation.

2. **Timelines for 2017 NH Small MS4 General Permit:**

- a. July 1, 2018 - Permit goes into effect
- b. October 1, 2018 – Deadline to file the NOI to obtain coverage

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- c. June 30, 2019 – Complete Stormwater Management Plan (SWMP) as noted in Section 1.10 in the permit (begins on page 10).
- d. September 30, 2019 – Annual report due to EPA
- e. General timelines – There are items identified throughout the permit that are due at certain intervals (i.e. Year 1, Year 2, etc). Attached is the Year 1 timeline that EPA developed and can be found at: <https://www3.epa.gov/region1/npdes/stormwater/nh/nh-ms4-checklist-1st-yr-req.pdf> . A timeline for the Education and Outreach MCM #1 can be found on the MS4 Blog at: <https://www4.des.state.nh.us/nh-ms4/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/MCM-1-Timeline-3-1.docx>

Bruce Woodruff explained that the temporary plans of the MS4 is currently being worked on by the Town Administrator and the Planning Board. Bruce explained that one of the requirements that the Conservation Commission could assist with is education of the public. The commission expressed concerns with how the community is expected to address some of the larger requirements in the MS4 permit and explained that they cannot be the leadership position for this permit. Karen Golab asked Bruce if he thought that MS4 permit task force would be a good idea, Bruce agreed that this would be quite successful at ensuring things do not fall through the cracks. The commission asked if there would be any financial costs with this Permit and asked if Bruce knew If there were any grants for this program. According to Bruce there are grants possible but completing them is the hardest part. After discussion between the commission and Bruce, it was recommended that some sort of committee is formed that could spearhead the completion of this permit. Wayne asked Bruce when the deadline was, and he noted the Notice of Intent document that timelines the measurable goals for the community.

6:40 Steve Panish stepped away from the meeting. Deb McCormick steps in for the time being.

The commission discussed the possibility to use conservation fund to buy the membership for the Strafford Regional Planning Commission. They agreed to ask Ernie about this and what he thinks to proceed. They plan on meeting at 4 or 4:30 on Tuesday the 16th.

III. Approval of January 11th

Tabled until the next meeting.

IV. Continue Discussion regarding MCC questions/ concerns referenced by tax map 41 lot 81

Cynthia Wyatt read the letter to the property owner where the trash was concerned. The commission agreed that the letter was written well and is willing to be sent. Julius noted that he will send the letter as soon as he can.

Ball Property: Cynthia explained that Charlie Karcher is willing to go out in the spring to find the monuments for missing plots.

V. Follow up with ed outreach subcommittee.

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86 The education sub-committee has received a grant from the New England Grass roots fund. The
87 committee agreed that they will be busy with creating a video for this project and will address
88 this for the most part. The education sub-committee expresses that their help for the MS4
89 program is going to be light to little.

91 VI. Casey Road Update

92 a. Warrant Article re: hunting

93 Karen Golab updates on the Deliberative Session meeting. She explained that the during
94 the meeting they had discussed the warrant article proposed by the committee. Karen
95 confirmed the changed warrant and explained the new amendment to the commission.
96 The commission expressed their concern with this change because it removes the voice
97 of the voters. Virginia Long and Karen Golab differentiate in their opinion about how the
98 commission should proceed with this topic.

100 VII. Financial Report, Budget, Invoices

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102 Not much to say, basically the same of the funds are present as last month. Joanne has paid a
103 few invoices and will be paid out of the unrestricted conservation fund.

105 VIII. Set up FB Page for MCC activities

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107 Virginia Long: Facebook page was approved by the Select board. She is calling Julius Pel
108 tomorrow to set it up.

110 IX. Public input

111 No Public Comment

112 X. Any other business

113 Annual Report was put together by the commission and after review by the commission as a
114 whole, edits were needed to be made before it could be sent in to Julius.

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116 Karen Golab motions to allow Cynthia Wyatt to finalize the annual report Bob Weiss seconds (All
117 in favor)

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119 Virginia Long asks Bruce about education for the Dawson Street Warrant article. She asks if she
120 could include the CC as a recommendation for the warrant article. Karen Golab states that she
121 doesn't think this is the responsibility of the commission. Virginia Long states that she will
122 remove conservation commission.

124 XI. Adjourn

125 Karen Golab, Virginia Long Unanimous