

Town of Milton
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5/10/21
Meeting Minutes
5:30PM

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

Absent Members:

Staff Present: Julius Peel, Land Use Department

Members of the Public: Jill Eldredge

Special Meeting Notice – Electronic

1. Casey Road Celebration with MMRG: Jill Eldredge.

J. Eldredge noted that because of COVID there is not a scheduled celebration yet, but as the group's rules are changing the options as to what the celebration might look like are changing. J. Eldredge asked if there were any thoughts from the commission about what they would like to see or how they would do it.

V. Long noted that historically there was a guided walk, food, and speakers to discuss the project. V. Long also noted that this is typically a weekend event. J. Eldredge asked if there were any special invitations to members of the public. V. Long mentioned that the donors might be important to receive an invitation. K. Golab stated that there should be an invitation to super groomers and Milton Vet because they sponsored the dog walk which raised money. She also noted the property owners that live on the road. J. Eldredge expressed that because of COVID-19 food is a concern for the group and this is due to the recommendations from the state. She said that in the end of the day if the town wants to run the event, then it is up to them to decide how they want to host the event. J. Eldredge also expressed that the guidelines are changing constantly and if they become stricter then the celebration might have to go that way.

The Commission discussed some of the options for food choices that could be safe for the public and still allow for a celebration. The commission discussed tentative dates for the celebration. J. Eldredge noted the temporary date of the 24th of July.

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The commission discussed potential guides for the tour of the property.

V. Long asked if the commission would be taking the lead on the project. J. Eldredge noted that there is currently a limit on the number of people that could be allowed at events run by MMRG and is uncertain on how that would affect the people from the community.

J. Eldredge Expressed that June 18th could be the next meeting date to speak about this.

W. Sylvester noted that the Casey Road location would look beautiful in the fall and could be a clearer time with regards to the CDC's guidelines. J. Eldredge stated that this was foreseen as the earliest possible event that MMRG would recommend. She asked that the MCC speak at some point about this idea.

V. Long noted that she had asked J. Eldredge with the idea that the event be planned as soon as possible. V. Long noted that the MCC could finalize this on Wednesday.

J. Eldredge left the meeting at 6:00 PM.

2. Approve April 12 meeting minutes:

Cynthia noted a typo on line 112 that stated, "Last, instead of Least."

Motion: Steve Panish motioned to approve the minutes with edits. Seconded by Wayne Sylvester. The motion passes unanimously.

3. Any updated regarding Three Ponds Investment LLC development.

Cynthia noted that there has not been much update about this project. She explained that she has not heard anything from appraisers and there has not been much development on the topic of raising funds for this project.

4. Ask board if they have any recommendations to fill alternate position.

C. Wyatt asked if anyone on the commission had any recommendations on the topic. D. McCormack asked if Scott Weidensaul would be interested. B. Weiss said that he would be too busy with travel.

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Sharon Buttrick was mentioned by V. Long. C. Wyatt noted that they are quite busy, but was not sure if they would be interested in with the work load, they have on their house.

Irene Gutowski was mentioned by V. long, but she has not been able to ask her. She noted that she would be meeting with her on Wednesday and can speak on the topic with her. She also noted the Tina Lapointe, who was the one who donated the handles that were stolen to the commission. V. Long noted that she will be meeting with people on Wednesday and thinks the commission should speak with these individuals to gauge their interest.

5. Follow up on MCC role/initiatives for helping meet MS4 mandates

C. Wyatt asked if there would be anyone who would be interested in serving on the commission. S. Panish noted that he thinks that there is an extensive amount of work on this topic and does not think it is something that the conservation commission should spend their budget on.

C. Wyatt noted that with Chris Jacobs being the New TA they would give him a bit more time to get ready on this.

6. Updates on Trout Unlimited project (Virginia)

V. Long noted that the project would require vote from the CC and the Select Board.

She noted that during the next BOS meeting they will have to discuss the 25,000 pledge from the town would be required. This can be through work done by the town's DPW. V. Long expressed that the CC should donate at least 1,000 to this project to increase this chance of occurring and she sees value in this project as a conservation project. On Wednesday, 5/12/2021, she will be meeting with a few abutters to the project and Pat Smith.

K. Golab mentioned the cost of the project and a concern that with the amount of money being spent on Dawson street this might be seen as an excess payment. The second concern is that down the stream from the location is an increase in construction which might be more worrisome than this culvert. K. Brown also asked if there would be another location that would warrant this price tag. B. Weiss remarked that this location has much more problems than just fish and needs to be done. S. Panish noted that there is not enough time to change the project and said that there is no question that this location

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needs a culvert of some sort. V. Long stated that this location was chosen by trout Unlimited and by Pat Smith.

S. Panish expressed that they know that some people are abusing the waterways within the community and that until the Code Enforcement Officer confronts these issues then these problems will continue. He also noted that he hopes that the new Town administrator will act on the complaints. C. Wyatt noted that maybe an email or letter to the Town Administrator might be required. J. Peel recommended that the commission create a formal complaint on this topic and submit it to the townhall. The Commission discussed the correct methods to reaching out to the Town Administrator and Code Enforcement about this property. The Commission agreed that they should have enough information about the topic before proceeding on a complaint. The commission discussed possible ways to get photos of their concerns to submit to the Town Hall.

Motion: Bob Weiss motioned to accept the Trout Unlimited draft proposal as presented to the MCC by Virginia Long. Steve Panish Seconds. The motion passes unanimously.

Motion: Steve Panish motioned to pledge \$1,000 for the Trout Unlimited project from the general budget. Bob Weiss Seconds. The motion passes unanimously.

7. Ball property update.

Charlie from Norway plains is going out to check and see if there are any pins on the Ball property. Cynthia explained that Charlie thinks that he should be able to find the pins hidden underneath the leaves on the property, but if not, then there might be an increased cost to remark the location.

8. Jones Brook Park – does the MCC want to take over the improvement plan that John Katwick spearheaded?

B. Weiss asked what is involved in this project. Cynthia was unsure of this and offered to invite them to the next meeting to review this. Karen Golab noted that she would be willing to chair a subcommittee on the project. B. Weiss expressed that he has not been to the property but would be interested in working on this project. The commission expressed an interest in a site walk on the site.

9. Continue to monitor status of 3.04-acre parcel referenced by tax/lot 41/81.

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C. Wyatt noted that this part of the agenda is a place holder in case any updates occur. Julius informed the commission that Chris Jacobs, the new town administrator, has been tasked by the BOS to create a list of town owned properties and he is unsure if this is included on this or not.

10. Educational Outreach: Any updates regarding educational video about the Three Ponds

V. Long explained that Jen King is organizing the video and created questions for Interviewees. She is working with the Videographer to work on the second shooting. K. Golab asked if there would a trailer for the annual TPPA meeting. V. long noted that there would probably not be a trailer as both videos are only about a few minutes long.

11. Casey Rd. update. Discuss celebration ideas from MMRG

The Casey Road sub-committee recapped that they held a volunteer day where B. Weiss removed fallen trees and other volunteers had removed trash from the location. V. Long also explained that Nute High School classes have used the location for a three-day outdoor class event.

12. Financial Report, budget, invoices

Wayne Sylvester expressed that he has been waiting for this all night. S. Panish noted that Joanne is moving money around quarterly and so the financial reports are showing this. S. Panish stated that the 11,600 purchases from MMRG is recorded. The MCC does need to approve a purchase for Steve Panish regarding a refund.

Motion: Wayne Sylvester motioned to refund \$15.90 for the Steve Panish from the general budget. Bob Weiss Seconds. The motion passes unanimously.

13. Update on FB Page for MCC activities

V. Long stated that she is waiting on photos on the public and noted a reminder about TPPA grants. K. Golab spoke about the fox that have been hiding underneath her barn. K. Golab explained that V. Long can use the videos of this on the Facebook page if she would like to.

14. Public input

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No public comment

15. Any other business

J. Peel reminded the commission that there will be a Planning Board meeting on Tuesday to discuss a site plan application for Yogi Bear Resorts. C. Wyatt thanked him for keeping the commission up to date on these projects. W. Sylvester expressed that the twenty sites being completed at the MiTeJo Campground will be abutting the property lots directly next to them and is similar to the plans that were originally drafted. Wayne also expressed a concern regarding the Planning Board and the Town Planner's position on this project.

16. Adjourn

Motion: Steve Panish motioned to adjourn. Karen Golab Seconds. The motion passes unanimously adjourning the meeting.

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Ms. Stephanie Giallongo
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RE: Standard Minimum Impact Wetland Permit Application
Three Ponds Investment LLC
Northeast Pond Rd.
Milton, NH

April 14, 2021

Dear Ms. Giallongo,

This letter submits the comments of the Milton Conservation Commission regarding the March 15, 2021 Wetland Permit Application by Three Ponds Investment LLC.

On April 5, the Commissioners all participated in a site walk of the proposed project, listened to presentations by soil scientist Marc Jacobs and by engineer Paul Blanc of Norway Plains, and had the opportunity to ask questions of these two as well as of developer Walter Cheney. Mr. Jacobs was also present at our regular meeting on April 12 to answer more questions and during our discussion.

Commissioners unanimously approved the following comment: We are concerned about the long term maintenance of the site drainage system, including maintenance of the culvert that is the subject of this wetlands permit, in the event that the Homeowners Association is not formed or fails to carry out its responsibility in that regard.

We would appreciate your attention to this aspect of the permit application.

Yours truly,

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Cc: Marc Jacobs, CSW