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**Minutes from the Milton Conservation Commission
Monday, July 19, 2021**

- 1) **Karen called the meeting to order at 6:04pm.**
- 2) **Attendees.**
 - a) Present: Karen Golab, Wayne Sylvester, Steve Panish, Virginia Long, Bob Weiss, and Deb McCormack. Absent: Cynthia Wyatt
 - b) Alternate Virginia will act as a Commissioner in place of Cynthia.
 - c) Members of the public: Steve Palmisano, Dan Bisson and Ron Risman.
- 3) **Review Northeast Pond development presentation.**
 - a) Extensive discussion on compliance of Milton's Open Space Development Ordinance as it applies to this development.
 - b) The CC has concerns about how a potential easement would be held for the OSD and the cost of this process in perpetuity.
 - c) Reviewed the letter being proposed to the MPB for their meeting tomorrow, July 20th.
 - Motion to eliminate sections #1 and #2 made by Virginia; Seconded by Steve. 4 in favor and 1 opposed.**
 - Motion to modify section #3 made by Virginia; Seconded by Steve. All in favor.**
- 4) **Review and discuss Jones Brook project proposal to BOS.**
 - a)**Motion to accept the letter to the BOS made by Wayne; Seconded by Bob. All in favor.**
- 5) **Review proposed MCC 2022 budget - Steve.**
 - a) Current categories don't match spending.

- b) Haven't received funds from current use tax in several years and don't anticipate much in the future.
- c) Total annual funds for expenses should be about \$6,000.
- d) There has been a delay in processing some payments from last year.
- e) Increase training budget to \$500.
- f) Acquire two NHACC handbooks for training.
- g) Schedule meeting with TA Chris Jacobs.

6) Review and discuss MCC 1-year and 5-year vision plans.

- a) 1-Year items.
 - Educate public – outreach facilitator. Expand education sub-committee.
 - Host CC mixer at fire station.
 - Using Master Plan as our guide for being good stewards of our natural resources for all of Milton and Milton Mills.
 - Solicit new members and consider expanding number of commissioners to 7.
- b) 5-Year items.
 - Same as #1 for 1-Year items.
 - Hold more community educational sessions via Zoom or YouTube.
 - Outreach program for residents possibly looking to place their property into a conservation easement.
 - Learn more about grants.
 - Map of all walking trails.
 - Advocate for tightening up ordinances to protect natural resources.
 - Bring town committees together.

7) Discuss expanding commission to 7 members.

- a) Solicit for possible candidates.
- b) Would require warrant article.
- c) Sub-committees would be another option.

8) Other business as may come before the MCC.

- a) Public comment.
 - Building development is on a steep slope.
 - Concern over 20' wall.
 - Concern that the Shoreland Permit to cut trees for manufactured view would supersede OSD.
 - OSD says that the OSD must be managed by town. Should be left untouched.
 - Tree cutting would cause more flooding to abutters at bottom of slope-more than original illegal cutting from several years ago.
 - Stumps left after a cutting.

- What guarantee to repair problems of existing runoff?
- OSD should be left untouched.

11) Set next meeting date and time.

a) August 9, 2021 @6:00pm-7:30pm.

12) Adjourn.

a) Motion to adjourn at 8:40pm: Wayne Seconded: Karen All in favor.