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8/9/2021 Meeting Minutes 6:00 PM

<u>Present Members:</u> Steve Panish, Virginia Long, Karen Golab, Deborah McCormack, Robert Weiss, Wayne Sylvester

Absent Members: Cynthia Wyatt

Staff Present: Julius Peel, Land Use Department

Members of the Public:

- 1. 6:00 PM CONVENE MEETING
- 2. Ascertain who is present Deb is appointed as a full-time member. Virginia is there as alternate.
- 3. Review and approve July 12, 2021, and July 19, 2021, meeting minutes July 12th, minutes not on the website. Julius noted that he would correct the website to show the July 12th meeting minutes.

Wayne motions to approve the July 12th meeting minutes, Bob seconds. The motion is approved unanimously.

Bob Motions to approve the July 19th meeting minutes, Wayne seconds. The motion is approved unanimously.

- 4. Review Jones Brook project proposal to BOS Karen Golab asked Julius Peel if this proposal was included on the August 16th meeting agenda. J. Peel stated he wasn't sure if it was included on the draft agenda and would review that tomorrow and let K. Golab know. V. Long would bring the pictures in to discuss with the board the night of.
- Review and discuss November 2020 billing issue Steve
 Steve Panish worked with Brittany Leach to solve these issues and they were finalized.
 D. McCormack explained that she had printed off the receipts for the supplies used on the sign. She presented the total amount of 96.41 which included a VA discount.

Wayne motions to reimburse deb for the supplies totaling the amount of 96.41 with a VA discount. Bob seconds. The motion is approved unanimously.

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6. Trout Unlimited Project/ Sam Plummer Ridge

The commission discussed the draft letter that would be submitted to the BOS to sign and reviewed it for potential edits. The Commission agreed to have V. Long correct the document. W. Sylvester and B. Weiss discussed the brook trout and if they would travel the length of the project.

V. Long noted that the Strafford conservation district discussed that the application was deemed non-competitive and would be difficult to reach funding. She noted that the project might not receive a letter of support from fish and game, but they are working on other projects to supplement the loss in income. The commission discussed the project funding and other potential options. V. Long noted the support letters that she is attempting to receive for the project.

K. Golab asked when the commission did its fish study. V. Long noted the location was a bit further south and would have little evidence for the area. They discussed the potential that the location was probably stocked with largemouth bass that are aggressive to the native brook trout.

V. Long explained that Trout Unlimited will go-ahead with the project even though it might be deemed less impactful than other projects within the grant. The board discussed the potential of stocking the location but noted that stocking could harm if not destroy what habitat might exist.

Deb makes a motion to accept the letter with corrections and changes. Bob Weiss seconds the motion. The motion is approved unanimously.

7. Update by Educational Outreach Committee

The committee discussed that they see the first draft of the video and explained that the current cut is roughly 17 minutes long. From here the Outreach Committee will contact Jen King with updates and opinions about how they will address the edits. From this point there has been no update on this. B. Weiss noted that the rough cut was good, and that a trailer should be put together for the video. Karen noted that the previous movie the movie creators did for Lake Winnipesauke was roughly 5 minutes long.

Karen asked if there was anything left for the committee to review. Virginia noted that there would be flurry of projects in the long run, but for now will finalize the projects they are working on.

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8. Update by Casey Rd committee

B. Weiss noted that there is still proof reading that needs to be done on the QR codes along the hiking pathway. V. Long noted that she had contacted Jill to see if there was a way to have the Casey Road committee meeting this week or if the meeting would have to be postponed. V. Long noted that Jill might not be available next week, so until they know more, the commission should postpone their next meeting. The commission discussed the next possible date for the meeting and determined that they would wait to hear from W. Sylvester before scheduling the next meeting.

- 9. Financial report review Steve
 - *No concerns*
- 10. Wetland Permit review, if applicable None
 Julius Noted the Carl Siemon Revocable Trust Forestry permit. He explained that this is a
 permit by notification and is something for the commission to review, but not required to
 respond to.
- 11. Shorelands Protection Permit review, if applicable None
- 12. Other business as may come before the MCC Virginia Long brought forth a get-well card for the CC to sign and send to Pat Smith.

Wayne expressed that TPPA had located a section of European Naiad at the mouth of the Branch River, and it will take roughly 10 weeks to kill and remove. W. Sylvester noted that this Naiad isn't controlled by all states to control as other invasive species like milfoil.

Karen Golan noted that tomorrow she is submitting her resignation to the Conservation Commission. The commission discussed that the next commission chair and expressed that it will have to be Steve Panish as he is the current Treasurer.

- 13. Public Comment
 - *No public comment*
- 14. Next meeting proposed: Monday, September 13, 2021
- 15. Adjournment

Wayne Sylvester motions to adjourn, Bob Weiss Seconds. The motion is approved unanimously adjourning the meeting.