Notes from the Milton CC Casey Road Land Protection Sub-committee Meeting

Thursday, October 12, 2017 at 5:30 pm at the Emma Ramsey Center

Present: Cynthia Wyatt, Karen Golab, Wayne Sylvester, Andy Rawson and Virginia Long

Guests: Justin Bellen (committee-member-to-be, but needs to be sworn in to serve on MCC) and Matt from Milton Fire & rescue

6:35 pm start meeting

Justin reported that he has submitted a letter to Milton BOS requesting to be on MCC

Minute approval:

Sept 19 minutes: Cynthia moved to approve with corrections (re-word the statement about Ericthat he be asked to become an alternate, not resign), Wayne 2nded, approved (Andy abstained)

Sept 28 minutes: Cynthia moved to approve with corrections, Wayne 2nded, approved (Andy abstained) Wayne added that his response 'probably not' (to question about additional educational value) was incorrect because he didn't know where the 5-acre property was.

Karen said that he statement 'the town made an error' was incorrect.

Karen suggested we table previous months' minutes for approval later..

Review committee presentation to BOS meeting:

Karen said Cynthia's presentation was fantastic.

We're encouraged that the BOS agrees that the subdivision should be revoked on the 5-acre abutting property and that we can move forward with asking the PB.

Cynthia said we should go in force, show we care. Andy agreed. Next PB meetings are end of Oct and first Tuesday in Nov. Cynthia will present same maps and same discussion. Virginia cannot attend on Tuesdays. Karen will ask Dana for us to get on the next PB agenda. Virginia suggested we ask the PB to walk the property. We need to get the subdivision revoked so we can make an article for the town to conserve it on the next warrant/election in March 2018.(deadline December?).

Building removal:

Previous date was cancelled for multiple reasons, including Justin was out of town. Justin's new tentative date is Oct 21 to demolish buildings. Burning depends on conditions. BHF tractor will be needed. Andy will make sure the town dumpster is delivered again. Since the trash will make only a partial load, Pat will weight it and fill the rest with town trash and pay for his part. MCC will pay for the demolished building portion.

Town Walk/Trail Party

Cynthia suggested we get laminated signs to place in neighborhood to inform neighbors. BHF can pay Kari Lygren to do this. No letters.

Charlie Ek has agreed to guide it; Karen will confirm date with him, proposed 1^{st} weekend of December, preferably Saturday. Dec 2, 10 am - noon. Jusin said the Fire Dept will flag the trail as they go in to demolish buildings.

We discussed refreshments. We can all bring something or ask for donations. Virginia will draft PR for our next meeting. Andy said we can put the event on the Town website. We can also post on Milton Comm News Facebook page and the Milton Advocate and Lebanon Voice. No pre-registrations. We'll take 20 min at beginning to review status of project and to ask for volunteers. We'll have trail maps to hand out.We'll try to borrow easel from MMRG. Cynthia will ask for MMRG staff time.

School use:

Wayne mentioned the many ways that the property can be used by schools: orienteering, geocaching, snowshoeing.

Porta-potty request: since it is not a permanent structure, it should be allowed by easement. A permanent toilet option was voted down by informally (most spoke against). Matt said a porta-potty can be rented for \$100/month (weekly cleaning included) from Sebastian Septic. Sebastian uses biodegradable products.

Trails can be improved by volunteers, such as Fire Dept, Eagle Scouts, high school students.

Virginia will ask Charlie Ek if he can lead a walk for teachers only.

Virginia reviewed what she will tell the School Admin Committee when she meets with them.

Trails:

Cynthia wants someone to head up a trails committee and kiosk making. Suggestions were thrown around: John McAllister, Steve at McKenzies.

11-acre abutting property:

Karen said (earlier in the meeting)- that no deeds have been turned over to the town. Cynthia will inquire of Atty Margaret the processs for Milton to donate the easement to MMRG. Karen said that Kathy is actively working on getting the interests released.

Next meeting on Thursday, Nov 2 at 5:30 pm

8:15 pm adjourned

Minutes Respectfully submitted by Virginia