

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

Wednesday April 18, 2018 at 5:30 pm at the Emma Ramsey Center

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

5:36 pm Karen called meeting to order

1) Minutes approval:

Minutes of 3/21/2018 meeting: Cynthia moved to approve, Wayne 2nded, all approved

- 2) Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with MMRG:** Patti Connaughton-Burns provided a draft MOU that Cynthia filled in with correct Warrant language and corrected the \$ amount pledge made by the Milton CC. Virginia added a 'witnesseth' about parking. Cynthia passed it back to Patti. Karen reported we will proceed with MOU when we get it back from MMRG and Cynthia will forward it to Heather to get on agenda for May 7 BOS meeting. If there are any significant changes by MMRG that we need to discuss, we will hold an emergency meeting.

- 3) BOS Agenda for May 7:** MOU (see above) and plan for parking at Casey Rd property. Karen will contact Andy Rawson about this and if he can come up with a plan before May 7, Karen will ask heather to add that to the agenda as well.

- 4) Property merge:** Still waiting to know procedure for merge.

- 5) Liberty Circle easement ownership:** Letter to landowners requesting transfer of interests to Town was reviewed at CC meeting. Cynthia will ask Dana if she has sent it out.

6) Trail system update:

- a. Wayne reported that he and Charlie Ek walked the entire property and scouted and flagged potential new trails. One from 'overlook' at end of dead-end trail, to connect to existing trail down to Lyman Brook. (The other dead-end trail to dump area should be closed off) Another following Fire Dept blue blazed trail. And another along boundary of open space area and including an extension to look over beaver pond. Charlie Ek will provide a map (?Note, Charlie is moving by end of May or beginning of June). Wayne will show Mark Guptil and son Tyler these trails to be completed as part of Eagle Scout project. Cynthia will inform Patti that we are working on an improved trail system. Suggestions were made that we can hold a contest to name the trails, or that the Eagle Scout may do so, with approval from Committee.
- b. We need to finish cleanup of property before it can be used by schools. Virginia will try contacting Justin Bellen to see if Milton Fire & Rescue will help us out some more. If not, we will need to recruit other volunteers to get it done.

- 7) Parking area update:** Karen will get in touch with Andy to confirm. Also see #3 above.

- 8) Abutting property and letter to owner:** Virginia will contact Chris Jacobs about best way to connect with landowner Emad Lababidi, since Chris knows Lababidi through business connection.

9) Other business:

- a. We discussed our recommendation to BOS on how to sign the land, based on the restrictions for use. We agreed that we will recommend to allow biking on upland trail only, because of risk of damage to wet trails. The majority agreed to recommend against hunting and snowmobiling. But we will suggest that the BOS discuss these issues and ask

for feedback from the public in a well-publicized public meeting, since both activities have been previously allowed on the property. Cynthia will check with Nick Marique about giving permission for camping (or fires?) only to the Boy Scouts who are doing service projects. Virginia will work on revising the BHF sign based on these consensus points.

- b. Virginia said she will attempt to re-engage the schools and ask for a representative to participate in parking/turnaround decisions.

Next meeting: 5:30 pm on Wednesday, May 23

7:30 pm Wayne moved to adjourn, Cynthia seconded; all approved

Respectfully submitted by Virginia