

Meeting Minutes of Casey Road Land Protection Committee
sub-committee of the **Milton Conservation Commission**
October 27, 2021

Meeting called to order by Virginia Long at 6:10 pm.

1. Committee members attending: Virginia Long, Bob Weiss, Wayne Sylvester, and Deb McCormack. Absent: None.
2. Review and approve minutes of Sept 22, 2021, meeting.
 - a) Motion to accept minutes: Wayne
 - b) Seconded: Bob. All in favor
3. Review Celebration and post-event publicity and any follow-ups needed.
 - a) Attendees – less than expected.
 - b) Holiday weekend difficult for some people.
 - c) Jon Nute's walk was excellent. Looking forward to the walk on his property.
 - d) Kari's walk cancelled as no attendees chose that option – too cold.
 - e) Need to limit speeches in consideration of public/families.
 - f) Should have option to post on town website.
 - g) Posted highlights after event on Facebook and TTPA.
 - h) Wrote thank you cards for special guests.
4. Update on Thank-you photo for Cynthia.
 - a) Need photo printed.
 - b) Quote on 11 x 14 metal frame with mat \$75.00 (discounted from \$90) from Riverstone Custom Framing in Rochester.
 - c) Committee members willing to split cost. Due to Cynthia's many years of dedicated service to the Town of Milton, perhaps could be paid from budget.
5. Present for Julius.
 - a) Presented Julius with book "Images of Milton and the New Hampshire Farm Museum" and \$50 Home Depot gift card.
 - b) Conservation Commissioners split the cost.
6. Recent use of Casey Rd Conservation Land. (No commercial use, MMRG activities, school use)
 - a) Received a note from the school after school trip (Nature's Classroom). Commented on what a great place it is...and clean.
 - b) Rochelle is planning a "Beaver Moon" moonlight walk on 11/19. Cannot charge any fee due to no commercial activity allowed. Question on whether a fee can be charged for any supplies needed for any future activities.
 - c) MMRG has Moosie activities but must be a paid member to participate. Need to check with Chris Jacobs or Nicole at MMRG for advice.

7. Update on posting Casey Rd trail on AllTrails.com.
 - a) Peter provided map format for AllTrails. Town map doesn't show all of Lyman Brook.
 - b) Virginia added a weigh point and photo of sign and posted it on AllTrails.
 - c) Peter also agreed to help us map all town trails.
8. Review tasks to complete before committee disbands. (Amendments to Short Term/Long Term Goals)
 - a) We accomplished our mission – easement is complete.
 - b) Should disband and merge with Conservation Commission. Virginia will write a letter to propose to BOS.
 - c) Need to create a town trails (“friends of”) committee to build and maintain walking trails (not ATV trails). Also, would oversee Jones Brook. Would need to present a letter to BOS. Would not need to post minutes, but would seek funds and grants from CC. Need liability waivers? Check with Chris Jacobs.
 - d) Finish trails (and names) before completing signage. Kari volunteered to make laminated signs for current trails intersection. Need to make a loop trail from Lyman Brook to main trail. Bob and Wayne will follow up.
 - e) Continue to educate. (Schools and Education Committee).
 - f) Sign needs to be put back up where yellow trail ends and private land in common begins. (In common – 5 private landowners (5/11 share) and town (6/11 share). 12th landowner's deed does not include this. This was open space as part of the development of Liberty Circle which guarantees public access.
 - g) Need to recruit more conservation commissioners. Rochelle will help, but not as a commissioner. Perhaps Lee (Virginia's neighbor with tractor) and Jeff LeClair.
9. Other business
 - a) Discussed condition of the beaver pond. Very low, does not look like a pond, but more like a brook.
 - b) Snowmobile trail crosses it.
 - c) Walter Cheney will attend our next Conservation Commission meeting.
 - d) Dale Associates (engineers) reviews some plans for town.
10. Confirm next meeting date and time.
 - a) None at this time.
 - a) Adjourn. Motion to adjourn at 7:35pm: Seconded: All in favor.