

**Milton Casey Road Land Protection Committee**

Sub-committee of the **Milton Conservation Commission**

**Minutes of the Meeting**

**Wednesday, July 1, 2020 @ 5:30 P.M.**

Present: Virginia Long, Karen Golab, Robert Weiss, Cynthia Wyatt, Wayne Sylvester and Deb McCormack (Deb left meeting early at 6:30pm)

No members of the public attended.

5:44pm Virginia called meeting to order.

1. Postponed approving minutes from 6/11//20 meeting due to corrections needed (all agreed).
2. Ernie has Paul Blanc’s letter of resignation, but minutes including Paul’s resignation not completed yet. Wayne has not been sworn in yet as full commissioner. Cynthia will put together a letter for approval request and follow up to get on BOS agenda. Ashley is leaving on July 7th.
3. Reviewed final Easement language
4. Language that Charlie of MMRG added is fine, with minor grammar corrections and clarifications.
5. Snowmobiles: Virginia called Nicole of MMRG during meeting to clarify posting against snowmobiles. Low impact - or - possible obnoxious noise/smell and impact with low snow cover? Virginia wants town to be able to post against snowmobiles (non-pedestrian).
6. Fundraising: Charlie needs a clause for fund-raising for purposes of conservation/stewardship of this property or other MMRG properties or future properties. Not considered commercial event and must stay with easement language and doesn’t have to be exclusive MMRG fundraising event. Example: Easter Egg Hunt. (All agree)
7. Group size: Charlie says covered by limits per easement language, but doesn’t want to specifically limit size of groups. (All agree)

*(Deb left meeting and Virginia continued to record minutes.)*

1. Survey and BDR: Consensus that survey looks fine, 5-acre subdivision is shown as merged to other lot (although old boundary line still shown) and rights of way are shown on map and in notes. BDR was reviewed previously and will get updated right before closing.
2. Next Steps: Nicole will make minor corrections to easement (capitalization, formatting, acreages, section references, and BOS names for signatures) and send to Ernie who will send to Atty. and to BOS.
3. Merge of 3.04 acre property on hold until new BOS chosen and they go on site walk.
4. Beaver dam trail on hold since Keriann said there is risk of new trail being a violation unless we get all landowners to agree.
5. MMRG use of kiosk: Virginia reported that MMRG no longer requests use of kiosk for materials since people will print their own to avoid any virus risks from sharing.
6. Trail map
7. Committee would like to use Peter Goodwin’s map with a few changes:
   * Remove trail shown on Open space (due to risk of violation).
   * Add dots and labels to locate kiosk and bench.
   * Add Winding Road to map.
8. Virginia will ask Peter Goodwin if he can make these changes so we can print a large map.
9. Volunteer event: Discussion of and tentative plan to hold a work day to create the loop trail between bench site and back to kiosk in the fall; discuss more next meeting
10. Other business: CC was invited by PB to attend their next meeting and discuss the issue of the town accepting conservation easements to go with developments. Cynthia cannot attend but the others will do so.
11. Next meeting date: Thursday, August 6 at 5:30 pm by zoom, as long as no conflicts with other town meetings.
12. At 6:54 pm Karen moved to adjourn, Bob 2nded, all in favor (Cynthia and Wayne did not vote).