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**Minutes from the Milton Conservation Commission
Casey Road Land Protection Committee Meeting**

Tuesday February 2, 2021

5:30pm Virginia called meeting to order.

1) Attendees

- a) Present: Virginia Long, Wayne Sylvester, Bob Weiss, Karen Golab, Cynthia Wyatt and Deb McCormack.
- b) No members of the public attended.

2) Minutes approval

- a) Deb motioned to accept the minutes from the January 7, 2021 meeting. Bob seconded. All in favor, except Cynthia, who had to abstain.

3) Update on Conservation Easement/BDR Status

- a) Letters sent to abutters.
- b) Signed and sent to Jill.

4) Report on wetland delineation of 3.04-acre abutting town-owned land.

- a) Sent to BOS per PB recommendation.
- b) No action yet.

5) Update on plan for “No Motorized Vehicles” sign

- a) Bob purchased red bucket to be filled with concrete with post – 100 lbs.
- b) Post size – 4” x 4” and 4’ tall.
- c) Virginia will contact Nick Marique.
- d) Virginia was not able to find a sign locally. Found one on Amazon for \$18.49 including shipping (Red ink on aluminum, UV resistant). Deb can order. Will need approval from CC for purchase.

6) Update on corrections to QR codes

- a) Zoom meeting planned for 2/9/21 with Mark Guptil, Tyler and Bob. (Bob will need cell phone.)

b) Wayne suggested Geocache fun facts and to check journal.

7) Update on trail maps and holder

- a) Steve tried to create another one, but didn't work out.
- b) Amazon has a "Snapshot" used by Realtors, but we want something wooden.
- c) Wakefield CC has one at Gage Hill.
- d) Cinny will send photo of Plummer's Ridge map holder.
- e) Possibly school students could make one.
- f) Getting community to donate/volunteer encourages more involvement.
- g) Deb will check with neighbor.

8) Plan trail cleanup day (branches and trees down from storm)

- a) Wait until spring for a full cleanup day with volunteers.
- b) Will need chainsaw.
- c) Contact Jeff LeClair.

9) Review list of future tasks related to Casey Road Conservation Land.

a) Short Term List:

- Public celebration with MMRG (Jill). Possibly in April with ribbon cutting and guided walk. Want entrance sign first.
- Post permanent wooden sign at entrance and sign(s) for bus turnaround and parking, possibly in March. (Jan is very interested in field trips when Covid is over.) Entrance sign could be on posts or hanging. Need to check with Pat (or new road agent after vote on 3/8) for location. Possibly at left of entrance, between road and stone wall, kitty corner facing the road. Cinny will send photo of hanging sign at Plummer's Ridge. She will check with Tom Drew as he did Branch Hill sign. Example: Casey Road Conservation Land, Public Welcome – Enjoy your visit (with town logo). Deb will create a sample.
- Maps and map box.
- No Motor Vehicles sign.
- Correct QR codes (some maintenance needed if a marked tree falls or a plant is gone.)
- Be available for questions about hunting warrant article at deliberative session (Saturday 2/6 @ 9am at high school – Karen will be there. Can only give personal opinion) and evaluate outcome of vote.

b) Long Term List:

- Maintain trails. (Recruit more people to form a grass roots subcommittee-stewardship and trails committee. They would report to the CC similar to the "Friends of National Parks" group. Might not need to post their meetings. Could do research such as DES when necessary. Need to ask permission?)
- Build new trails, and then name trails. (Build more challenging trails, such as a switchback from overlook to brook. Make a loop trail, a geocache trail - scouts enjoy geocaching, a geologic trail, and a trail

from main trail to pond. Will need to ask Ernie to add to comments for BOS.)

- CC to keep an eye on what town does with May 41/Lot 81 (3.04 acre abutting parcel).
- Monitor land for misuse by bikes, ATVs, litterers or other mal-use. (Town owned property) Permanent line item for CC of town steward?
- Encourage school use.

10) Disbanding of CRLPC.

- a) The committee has met its objective.
- b) Should be done the short list by May.
- c) Town should support cost of small items expenses such as signs since land is town owned. Should have a discretionary fund.
- d) Virginia will draft a letter to propose to BOS.

11) Other business

- a) Cinny is working on town reports this weekend. (Wayne will provide TTPA info and Virginia will provide CRLPC info.)
- b) Cinny will contact Julius.

Next meeting – March 18, 2021 at 5:30pm on Zoom.

Karen motioned to adjourn meeting and Bob and Cinny seconded, all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10pm.