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

**Thursday, March 18, 2021**

5:35pm Virginia called meeting to order.

**1) Attendees**

- a) Present: Virginia Long, Wayne Sylvester\*, Bob Weiss, Karen Golab and Deb McCormack. (Absent-Cynthia Wyatt) \*Wayne had intermittent technical issues.
- b) No members of the public attended.

**2) Minutes approval**

- a) Bob motioned to approve the minutes from the February 2, 2021 meeting (with minor type change). Karen seconded. All in favor.

**3) Update on map box and "No Motorized Vehicles" sign**

- a) Thank-you card sent to George Ellis for making the map box.
- b) Kudos to Bob and Deb for placing sign with post/bucket at trailhead.
- c) Virginia added more trail maps.

**4) Update corrections to QR code information**

- a) Each post has a QR code with a tree description.
- b) The incorrect tree descriptions have been corrected but need to wait until leaves are out to verify if description refers to correct tree. Able to do evergreens now.
- c) Check them at spring cleanup.
- d) Resource app: My Woods can use photo to identify.

**5) Plan for celebration with MMRG**

- a) Virginia sent email to Jill
- b) Jill's reply indicated that MMRG will be returning to events in April and May.

- c) Wait until mid-June for celebration – after vaccinations. She appreciates our help.
- d) Will need to notify sponsors (letter) and public.

**6) Plan for permanent welcome sign on property: Location, budget, design, choice of sign-maker, mounting and unveiling**

- a) Deb designed simple sign. Deb and Karen volunteered to make it.
- b) Suggestions: Cedar wood or plywood with dark stain. Cabot Australian Oil Stain. 3'x2' hanging on crossbar, post, or tree. Protect against weather and fading.
- c) Karen has Pat's telephone number to set up a time to meet at the trailhead for area of placement for sign. Virginia might join also.
- d) Budget for stain, paint, post(s), and hardware. Can accept up to \$100 donations without BOS approval. Karen will check with Brocks and Middleton Lumber. Discuss funds at CC meeting on 4/12.

**7) Plan trail cleanup day and no parking/bus turnaround area signs**

- a) Need to remove trees blocking trails.
- b) Signs – where?
- c) April 24<sup>th</sup> clean-up, Plan walk-thru 2 weeks before spring clean-up. Volunteers?

**8) Review results of town vote on amended warrant article and discuss next steps.**

- a) Conservation Commission should not pursue this year. Try next year for new wording
- b) A citizen member (of CC) can petition for a warrant article with 25 signatures from registered voters six weeks in advance.
- c) Let's wait to see what happens and determine if there are any issues.
- d) The "hunting" sign is responsibility of BOS.

**9) Quarterly report to BOS on received donations.**

- a) Virginia sent to BOS – no objections.

**10) Update on 3.04 acre abutting town-owned land (Map 41/Lot 81)**

- a) Ernie is preparing auction list.
- b) Per Annual Report (Town Administrator Section) – "Other Plans under Way:

Town-owned, Tax Deeded Properties: The Board of Selectmen will be working with the Town Administrator to arrange for another auction to sell a group of tax deeded properties similar to the auction held in 2019. We are striving to turn non-productive and in some cases blighted properties into cleaned up, taxable properties."

Note: MAP 41/LOT 81 IS ON THE LIST OF TOWN-OWNED PARCELS IN THE ANNUAL REPORT

- c) Request minimum bid at assessed value \$28,000?
- d) BOS will include wetlands delineation.
- e) CC wants to conserve, Planning Board does not want to conserve, BOS – no decision yet.
- f) Invite BOS on site walk.
- g) Virginia will send informal email to ask BOS if the land comes up for discussion, CC would like to be asked to participate.

**11) Review plan for committee to disband.**

- a) Stay organized at least thru June.
- b) Virginia will draft a letter by April/May to BOS.

**12) Other business**

- a) FaceBook page for Milton Conservation Commission.
- b) Virginia will use a 2<sup>nd</sup> personal account and will share password with town- a week or two to share.
- c) Will include Casey Road events, maintaining trails and educational outreach (from Education Committee).

Next meeting – April 6, 2021 at **5:00 at Casey Road**

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:40pm.