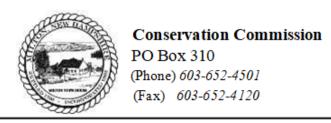
Town of Milton

424 White Mountain Highway Milton NH, 03851



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 24th 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 Wav:

<u>Town-owned</u>, <u>Tax Deeded Properties</u>: 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 2nd 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 <u>5:00 at Casey Road</u>)

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:40pm.