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

Thursday, January 7, 2021

5:36pm Virginia called meeting to order.

1) Attendees

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

2) Minutes approval

- a) Karen motioned to accept the minutes from the December 3, 2020 meeting (with minor change). Wayne seconded. All in favor.

3) Update on Conservation Easement/BDR Status

- a) Hasn't been signed yet.
- b) In a folder for BOS to sign.

4) Update on BOS response to wetland delineation of 3.04-acre abutting town-owned land.

- a) Virginia attended the BOS meeting. Ernie read it aloud.
- b) MS4 to include property – (storm water runoff). Includes towns that have runoff into Great Bay.
- c) Julius sent copy to Planning Board-same as BOS but couldn't discuss as not on agenda.
- d) Andy responded – all new information – should PB reevaluate?
- e) PB liked wording and would provide to a potential buyer, but they did not change their decision about selling.
- f) Last September Virginia sent Claudine an email about site walk, but she did not see it as she was not familiar with accessing town email. We should wait until spring.
- g) Virginia will ask Bruce if he sent to PB.

5) Update on Warrant Article – Hunting

- a) BOS liked wording but must go to town counsel.
- b) Present it in deliberative discussion and attend to answer questions so voters are not surprised.
- c) How far in advance are warrant articles sent to voters?
- d) Present both sides – stay neutral.
 - i. Small piece of land – special purpose
 - ii. To bring children for walks without worry – family friendly.
 - iii. Some abutters could hunt on their property.
 - iv. Currently allows hunting.
- e) Ask Ernie about publicity prior to voting. Press release?
- f) Deadline for presenting warrant article?
- g) Law passed to give towns ability to delay their elections.
- h) Virginia will bring something to next CC meeting. – Send reasons for/against to Virginia individually to assist her in drawing up article.
- i) Barry of Fish & Game agreed with no hunting. Also, a hunter living on abutting Liberty Circle agreed to no hunting or just bow hunting.

6) Update on QR codes

- a) Bob sent email to Tyler on 12/4 – no response. Didn't recognize phone number.
- b) Bob still can't log in.
- c) Tyler might want to keep stewardship of website.
- d) Try to call first, then Virginia could send a letter to the Guptils from CRLPC to explain about inaccurate posts.
- e) Only #1 & #2 are accurate per science teacher and scout master.

7) Plans for guided walk or other public activity to celebrate with MMRG

- a) Virginia contacted Jill at MMRG, but no events planned due to COVID.
- b) Revisit in March.

8) Update on plan for chain across trail and more permanent signs

- a) Virginia went to BOS on how to deter motorized vehicles. They agree with removable post in middle of trailhead.
- b) Should town take responsibility? Pat Smith currently has low staff and overwhelmed.
- c) Bob will check for 5-gallon container, cement, and pole (4x4)
- d) Virginia will check for sign.

9) Plan for spring workday to mark bus turn-around area and car parking area.

- a) Put on hold for later discussion in spring.

10) Plan for new trails.

- a) Per Virginia, possibly required to notify to DES.

- b) Along brook just trail maintenance, but also a new trail from overlook to main trail and possibly over wetland.
- c) Cost for DES notification?
- d) PBN Permit by Notification? Different types of permits, especially if cutting trees.

11) Plan for trail maps and map holder.

- a) Julius printed maps – need to pick up.
- b) Steve will provide 4” pipe holder with cap.

12) Other business

- a) Check later with BOS about dissolution or reduction of CRLPC.
- b) All committees have by-laws and might have minimum size.

Next meeting – February 4, 2021 at 5:30pm on Zoom. (tentative)

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:41pm.