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

Tuesday, April 6, 2021

5:10pm Virginia called meeting to order on-site at the Casey Road Conservation Land Trailhead.

1) Attendees

- a) Present: Virginia Long, Cynthia Wyatt, Bob Weiss, Karen Golab and Deb McCormack. Wayne Sylvester attended at the trailhead and the entrance sign sample review but was not able to walk the trail due to other commitments.
- b) No members of the public attended.

2) Discussion on need for a new Chair when Cinny retires.

- a) Virginia has volunteered – feedback discussed.
- b) Recommend setting a time for each agenda item to shorten length of meeting.

3) Walk the trails and assess work needed for upcoming volunteer workday.

- a) Two large fallen trees across the trail need to be cut into sections and removed from trail.
- b) Also cut down one damaged tree (on left near geocache) due to wind damage.
- c) Checked QR codes. They appear to be correct descriptions for the tree type but will have to wait for leaves on trees to verify if actual tree matches the tree type described.
- d) Replace paper signs at intersection of Overlook trail and Lyman Brook trail.
- e) Group separated at the trails' intersection. Virginia and Cinny followed the Overlook Knoll trail and Karen, Bob and Deb followed the Lyman Brook trail.

4) Entrance Sign Sample Review

- a) Deb brought a poster board sample of the sign. (3' x 4')
- b) Discussion about placement at trailhead. Decided to keep location recommended by Pat of DPW.
- c) Two posts (cemented **2'** in ground) will be needed to secure sign. Height of bottom edge of sign should be at least **?** above ground due to snowbank from plowing.
- d) Will be stained a darkish brown with green lettering. (Yellow lettering is used by National Parks.)

5) Recreational Trail Program Grants

- a) Grant deadline is June 18th. (Offered yearly)
- b) NH Parks Trails – 2-hour video.
- c) Two workshops on May 5th at 10am and 6pm and is mandatory.
- d) Might be posted on Eventbrite.

5) Facebook Page/Other Outreach

- a) Our vision – hikes and positive within community.
- b) Links to educational information.
- c) Natural resource section of Master Plan.
- d) Need strategic plan.
- e) Town is stressed over taxes – might not favor land conservation. (Residential development has a negative impact on taxes per a cost of community service study.)
- f) Conduct seminars on YouTube at town hall.
- g) Show positive side of Conservation Commission.

6) Reviewing permits

- a) It takes a lot of time to review permits. Should delegate 1 or 2 experienced Commissioners to review and report concerns to the CC.
- b) MS-4 a concern, but where is our responsibility?
- c) Follow RSA 36-A

7) Confirm plans for volunteer workday on Saturday, April 24th.

- a) Will we need tractor (Bob Bridges)?
- b) Solicit volunteers to start a stewardship – Friends of Casey Road.
- c) New pile of wood chips – Pat will spread in parking lot for bus turnaround and car parking.
- d) Schools will visit first week of May – 5th grade.

8) Set next meeting date and time.

- a) May 12th at 5:30 on Zoom.

People left as they finished walking separate trails.