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**Minutes from the Casey Road Land Protection Committee Meeting  
- A sub-committee of the Milton Conservation Commission**

**Wednesday May 12, 2021**

5:34 pm Virginia called meeting to order.

**1) Attendees**

- a) Committee members: Virginia Long, Wayne Sylvester, Bob Weiss, Karen Golab, and Deb McCormack (arrived at 5:44 pm).
- b) Guests: Rochelle George

**2) Minutes approval**

- a) Karen moved the accept the minutes as written of the 4/6/2021 meeting. Bob 2nded. All in favor.

**3) Conservation land welcome sign**

- a) Deb and husband Bill are working on routing three boards with lettering. She showed the first board, which all agreed looks terrific.
- b) After all boards have been assembled onto posts, Pat will be contacted again about installing it.

**4) Update on stolen signpost bucket handles.**

- a) Virginia reported that Tina LaPoint contacted us via Facebook to offer to donate replacement handles (value = \$8 each). Virginia picked them up from Tina; Bob reinstalled them after modifying them so they cannot be removed.

**5) Recreational Trails Grant.**

- a) Karen suggested we decide if we want to apply for a grant next year after someone undertakes more research into what is required and if it is worth it. This could be an over the winter project.
- b) Wayne suggests that other CCs or nonprofits who have previously applied be contacted to learn what is involved.
- c) Deb, Rochelle and Wayne volunteered to do this research.

- d) Wayne asked what size trail: road width (like existing main trail) or narrow footpath? Most people said a wide trail is preferable for families or older people or people conversing. Some thought narrow footpath is nicer for hiking. Perhaps create one wide loop trail from brook back to main trail and one more challenging narrow trail from overlook.

#### **6) Leaf blowing of trails**

- a) Rochelle volunteered to do this but wants to follow the rules. Wayne suggested that only flat trails are appropriate for leaf blowing, steep trails can erode. Maybe in the future if an accessible trail is built.

#### **7) Tina LaPoint's suggestions:**

- i) **donation box** – most people thought this was too risky for various reasons
- ii) **listing on All Trails.com** – everyone liked this idea but wait until after the trails are named.

*Naming Contest: Everyone who feels creative can come up with a set of trail names by next meeting and we will vote on which option we like best.*

#### **8) Abutting 3.04-acre town-owned parcel**

- a) Karen reported that Claudine said the new Town administrator is putting together a list of parcel to sell. There will be a public hearing before the sale.
- b) Karen moved to ask Cynthia, as CC Chair and member of the CRLPC, to submit a letter to the TA and BOS reminding them that we would like this property to be conserved. Deb 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor. Virginia will relay this request to Cynthia.

#### **9) Easement Celebration with MMRG**

- a) Date: General consensus to postpone until late August or early September.
- b) Planning: Various opinions on if CRLPC or MMRG plans it. Agreement with Bob's suggestion that we come up with a proposal and send it to MMRG. Virginia will draft a proposal to discuss at next meeting.

#### **10) Disbanding of CRLPC.**

- a) Postpone disbanding until after celebration.
- b) Review To Do list (tasks to get done before disbanding) at next meeting.

#### **11) Other business**

- a) Bob asked someone else to review grammar of QR codes. Former teacher Wayne volunteered.
- b) Everyone thanked Rochelle for joining us. Clarification that she is not a voting member of the CRLPC unless she is an official member of the

Conservation Commission (one CC seat is currently open for an alternate, needs to submit request to BOS).

**Next meeting** – Wednesday, June 9, 2021 at 5:30pm on Zoom.

Chair forgot to ask for motion to adjourn. Meeting ended around 7:15 pm.

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