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1 1/11/21
2 Meeting Minutes
3 5:33 PM

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5 **Present Members:** Cynthia Wyatt, Steve Panish, Wayne Sylvester, Virginia Long, Karen Golab, 5
6 Deborah McCormack, Robert Weiss

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8 **Absent Members:**

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10 **Staff Present:** Julius Peel, Land Use Department

Special Meeting Notice - Electronic

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13 Notice is hereby given in accordance with RSA 676:5 & 676:7 and the NH Governor's
14 Emergency Order #23 that the **Milton Conservation Commission** will hold a meeting
15 on Monday, 12/15/2020 at 5:30 PM remotely, using the Zoom web-based platform
16 where members will not be physically present at one meeting location. All discussion
17 must be audible for citizens viewing or listening to the meeting through Zoom services
18 (computer or phone).

19 **Computer:** to participate or listen using a computer to the live meeting on Monday,
20 12/15/2020 at 5:30 PM go this link:
21 <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89640551196?pwd=TWheUTJFSWc4b1FLdmVFZlJwTmZ3dz09>
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23 Passcode: zq5g27

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30 Personal Meeting Room, since we are using Deb's Zoom business account. Please
31 mute your microphone while others are speaking in order to reduce unwanted
32 background noise or feedback and wait until the Chair call on you to speak. To
33 facilitate audible discussion, we will go around the room for each guest, committee
34 member or member of the public comments for each agenda item and before any vote;
35 votes will be taken by roll call. If you want to interject a comment out of turn, please
36 stay mute but raise or wave your hand to get the attention of the Chair to be called on
37 to speak.
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41 to “raise your hand” in the meeting. To toggle between mute and unmute, press *(star) 6 on your
42 phone dial pad. If any member of the public has repeated problems, the meeting will be
43 discontinued.

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I. Ascertain who is present

II. Approve January 4th special meeting minutes:

Motion:

Wayne Sylvester Motions to accept the minutes of January 4th Special Meeting, Seconded by Steve Panish. The vote is approved unanimously. The motion passes accepting the minutes.

III. Discuss correspondence regarding MCC questions/concerns with monitoring agent Chris Kane:

- The commission reviewed the response submitted by Chris Kane to the questions that the commission had. The Commission agree that they think that it is necessary to get quicker responses of issues along the properties. Virginia Long suggested that roughly one month may be the goal that they are looking for.
- The next point that Chris Noted in his response to the MCC's questions was to the trash dump within conservation land. Chris Kane explained that the easement probably does not include trash dumping and is a multifaceted issue that will require the commissions oversight. The commission agreed that the trash needs to be removed, so they will arrange to remove the garbage along with notice the abutting property owners that dumping at the site is illegal.
- Ball Property: Chris Kane stated that he will send the estimated lines but notes that the commission will need a survey done on the property. Cynthia would like to get a survey done by Charlie Karcher from Norway Plains so she asks the commission if they would like to get a quote. The commission agreed that they should get this done and stated that they should shop around between the surveyors to find the cheapest cost.
- Jones Brook: Chris Kane explained that the mysterious pipe that was sticking out of the ground does not show any abuse and should not be of large concern for the commission.
- Payne Property: Sofa and Tire were included but was just for reference and is not an issue with the easement at this time.
- The commission agreed that the questions have been answered comprehensively and that they did not need him to come to another meeting unless he had wanted to.

IV. Discuss PB decision re: Stoney Ridge Environmental LLC wetlands delineation of 3.04-acre parcel referenced by tax/lot 41/81:

The Commission reviewed the email sent to them by Bruce regarding the property. In this email the report noted that the Planning Board recommended to sell the property with the delineation included to the buyer.



V. Follow up with ed outreach subcommittee on steps to provide links to BMPs to safeguard Milton water quality:

The Conservation Commission has received an application for a Grant that requires hiring a videographer to complete. The Commission agreed to complete this Grant and its requirements and will use the grant money to hire the videographer.

Motion:

Wayne Sylvester motions to accept the \$1,000 videographer grant proposal created by Jen King from the New Grass Roots Grant. Seconded by Karen Golab. The vote is approved unanimously. The motion passes.

VI. Should we share information from NH Lakes regarding huge increase in cyanobacteria blooms.

The Commission noted the increase in the number of blooms within the water and the concerns that they have of this. The Commission agreed that Educational outreach is the best avenue to diminishing this problem.

VII. Discuss MS4 and EPA updated mandates for limiting discharge of nitrogen and phosphorous from wastewater treatment plants of upstream towns of the Great Bay including Milton.

Cynthia reached out to EPA about the Wastewater treatment facilities impact on the Great Bay area. It was noted that the community is not required to opt into this permit, but if they do not, they will have to apply for a different permit each year according to the clean water act. The commission stated that this is something that they do not have direct purview over but wanted to assist the community as much as possible.

Not Much update on this from Bruce or Ernie on this but understand that there is importance with Education.

VIII. Casey Rd. update Progress on warrant article re: hunting Discuss Letter to abutters

Virginia Long noted the Voters' guide for the No Hunting warrant article is currently being made and will be sent to the Town Administrator once it is finished. The commission reviewed the draft version and Virginia agreed to make the changes.

Letter to the abutters for the closing of the Casey road Property. The Commission agreed that the letter is written well and is ready to be sent to the abutters.

IX. Financial Report, budget, invoices

Financial report has been sent to the committee. Steve notes that the amount spent this year is almost exactly what was set aside if not a little more that can be pulled from the Conservation Fund.

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X. Set up a FB Page for MCC activities

Virginia Long noted that she had put together a proposal for the commission to be submitted to the BOS for approval. Julius Peel explained some of challenges to this and that there will need to be an administrator that can watch it 24/7. Virginia agreed that Julius should review this document and correct it so that it is representative with another committee's that also has a Facebook page.

XI. Public input

No Public Comment

XII. Any other business

No other Business

XIII. Adjourn

Motion:

***Karen Golab Motions to adjourn, Seconded by Wayne Sylvester. The vote is approved unanimously. The motion passes adjourning the meeting. ***