

Town of Milton

Conservation Commission



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6/7/2023
Meeting Minutes
6:00PM

ATTENDANCE:

Members: Virginia Long (Chair), Steve Panish, Robert Weiss, Wayne Sylvester, Jeff LeClair

Alternates: Sharon Buttrick, Lee Pilkovsky

Virginia Long, Chair, opened the public session at 6:00PM.

- 1.) **Welcome guests:**
- 2.) **Ascertain who is present and approve alternates to serve as full members if needed.**
- 3.) **Event Announcements:**
Jones Brook Park Trail Walk and Birding: Saturday, June 17
MMRG Conservation 101 Workshop for landowners, Wolfeboro Public Library
- 4.) **Display/circulate MCC mail and CC materials:**
SELT invitation
John Nute – report letter on re-establishing boundaries of Liberty Circle easement
- 5.) **Review/Approve 5/3/2023 meeting minutes:**
Wayne motion to approve minutes with changes. Seconded by Steve. All approved.
- 6.) **Financial Report:** No changes from last month. Getting new expenditure report – will see what is spent YTD.
Virginia recommends authorizing payment up to \$400 to Will McDuff, Norway Plains for final monumentation work at Ball Property.

Steve motion to approve up to \$400 to Norway Plains. Seconded by Wayne. All approved.
Bob motion to approve financial reports. Seconded by Jeff. All approved.
- 7.) **Wetlands and Shoreland Permit Applications or Violations:**
160 St. James Avenue (Stony Ridge Environmental): request to build new retaining wall. Wayne spoke to owners; Wayne agreed with expedited request; recommended sign-off.
- 8.) **Wetlands Protections:**
Report on Planning Board review of Wetlands Ordinance suggested changes:
Ordinance reviewed again at recent Planning Board meeting; will continue to review and work through at every meeting. Recommended no longer using the threshold of 3000 square foot-sized wetlands. B. Woodruff recommended PB seriously reconsider. Wayne/Steve both said no; Sharon – 3000 square feet really not that big. All agreed with not pushing. Virginia – priority now is priority wetlands; others agreed. Next steps? PB meets again on June 20 to discuss more changes.
- 9.) **Approve letter in support of SCC grant for Kimball project requested by MMRG:**
Virginia shared minor changes.
Steve motion to approve changes to letter regarding Kimball project. Seconded by Wayne. All approved.
- 10.) **Approve letter in support of ARM and NRCPP grants for Teneriffe Mt Forest stream crossing project – requested by Trout Unlimited:**
TU asked for support for grants from ARM and NRCPP.

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Steve motion to approve writing letter of support to project. Seconded by Wayne. All approved.

11.) Update on ZBA review of Tayzach Realty request for variance to build two houses on one lot: Map 5/Lot 7 on Willey Rd:

MCC sent letter to ZBA regarding variance request for bigger buffer. ZBA likes the idea of staking and added signage along buffer. Virginia thinks MCC should consider an offer for property. Along with other wildlife, threatened Blanding Turtle perhaps found on property. Further discussion during non-public meeting.

12.) TPPA/MCC joint education outreach: Summer kick-off cancelled due to weather

13.) Trail Volunteers Group Update:

Jeff – discussed potential new trail with Veronica Bodge who had recommendations. Jeff asked for permission to start work on the new trail.

Wayne motion to give authority to Jeff and Mike to begin work on a new trail. Seconded by Bob. All approved.

Jeff submitted receipts for reimbursement – a total of \$32.60.

Steve motioned to approve \$32.60 reimbursement to Jeff for signage. Seconded by Wayne. All approved.

14.) Town-owned Easements and Conservation Lands:

FEE PROPERTIES

Jones Brook Park/Payne: Upcoming trail celebration and walk. Two separate walks if enough people attend. Sharon – great opportunity to introduce restored park and new trail to public.

EASEMENTS:

Kane Conservation Monitoring: Chris Kane contract – slight rate increase plus \$50 per easement to transition to new monitoring form – total \$450 more than last year.

Steve motion to move forward with contract, \$1,850 for monitoring of 8 MCC easements and transition to new monitoring forms. Seconded by Wayne. All approved.

Liberty Circle: John Nute walked property and marked boundaries; sent letter to each abutter informing them he remarked property.

15.) Communications to MCC: Letter from Les Elder: Les asking for MCC opinion on 2-stroke vs. 4-stroke engines, recommended use on Milton3Ponds. Wayne said TPPA also received a letter. The state acknowledges this is a problem; however, there are other bigger issues needing addressed. Virginia appreciates Les' concern; maybe provide education to users of the waters.

16.) Other Business: Jeff recommends everyone check out the Great Meadow Walk in Tuftonboro.

17.) Next meeting date: Wednesday, July 5, 6:00PM.

18.) Adjourn: 7:45 pm

Steve – motion to adjourn public meeting and enter into non-public session (for the consideration of the acquisition, sale, or lease of real or personal property -RSA 91-A:3IId). Wayne seconded; all in favor.