



**MILTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
**PO BOX 310 MILTON, NH 03851**  
**Meeting @ 6:00 PM, Wednesday, 7/5/2023**  
**Milton Town Hall, 424 White Mountain Highway**

**Meeting  
Minutes**

1. Welcome guests: No guests
2. Attendance: Virginia Long (Chair), Steve Panish, Robert Weiss, Wayne Sylvester, Jeff LeClair  
Alternates: Both alternates were absent: Sharon Buttrick, Lee Pilkovsky  
  
V Long called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM
3. Event announcements:
  - Planning Board Meeting on July 20 to continue discussion of changes to Wetlands ordinance
  - ZBA meeting on Thursday, July 27 @ 6 pm about Tayzach Realty variance application
  - MMRG Saturday July 15, 2023, Mountain Top Family Star Gazing offered by NH astrological association on Teneriffe Mountain. Need to pre-register at MMRG. The waiting list is full but get on the waiting list.
4. Display/circulate MCC mail and CC materials for lending (sign-out sheet): Materials from MMRG, SELT, and Forest Society
5. Review/Approve 6/7/2023 meeting minutes with corrections (sent out in advance):  
*S Panish moved to accept the minutes with edits. W Sylvester seconded. All were in favor.*
6. Financial Report: (Steve) -- review budget, bank statements, invoices, and reimbursement approvals: No report to give. Received \$240 on the CC fund accounts. Invoice from Norway Plains that was preapproved and need to pay J LeClair for his trail work.
7. Wetlands and Shoreland Permit Applications OR Violations, if any (Virginia, Wayne): Nothing new to discuss other than the Sam Plummer project has been approved by DES.
8. Wetlands protections:
  - Report on Planning Board review of Wetlands Ordinance suggested changes: Discussion on what the PB discussed at their meeting: The Town Planner's suggestion is a 50 foot naturally vegetative buffer and another 25-foot planted buffer. They wanted to know why some wetlands were chosen and why others weren't chosen. V Long drafted that info in the Summaries of why each of 4 prioritized wetlands was chosen and others were not (sent out

in advance)

- Next steps

9. Letter to DES about suggested Rules Changes to Wetland Permit applications (draft letter sent out in advance): V Long explained what the suggested Rules changes and explained that she is sending a letter back to them stating that the CC objects to the changes and why.

*S Panish made a motion to approve the letter the V Long would like to send to DES. B Weis seconded. All were in favor.*

10. Letter in support of ARM and NRCPP grants for Teneriffe Mt Forest stream crossing project – requested by Trout Unlimited (place holder: no update until pre-proposals are reviewed): No update
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 (place holder): No response on the offer the CC sent to them.
12. Proposal to hold guided walk with Josh Megyesy, Wildlife Biologist, NHF&G, focus on turtles: He agreed that he would do the guided walk. MCC requests Saturday August 19.
13. Report on TPPA / MCC joint educational outreach: Wayne reported that Northeast Pond is under advisory for Cyano bacteria.
14. Trail Volunteers Group Update: Robin Shumaker wrote in response to V Long’s post on FB asking for volunteers to help steward our conservation lands. He walks the Casey Rd trails all the time.
15. Town-owned Easements and Conservation lands:

#### **FEE PROPERTIES:**

- CASEY RD CONSERVATION LAND: Jeff reported that 2 RVs have spent the night in this parking lot. Deep ruts in the lot from all the rain and people driving in there. Ask the BOS if J LeClair could close that lot off when it gets too wet to drive on. Possibly put signs up for no alcohol on property. V Long is going to draft up a sign with everything they want on it to present to the BOS. J LeClair found an invasive plant species called Broad Leaf Doc. Its roots grow 5 ft down into the ground. Spreads by seeds. He cut them down and when they start growing back, he will try using an acid/vinegar spray.
- JONES BROOK PARK/PAYNE: update on Letter of Understanding between MMRG & Town (Virginia)
- SPAULDING TURNPIKE
- DAMES BROOK
- OLD SKI AREA -- Update on plan to get deed restriction
- BALL PROPERTY –update on Norway Plains survey work (Virginia): Jeff will install ‘No Motorized Vehicles Beyond This Point’ signs. At some point they need to get together to clean up this property. There is an old mattress. Many truckloads of trash. The deed specifies the land be free of litter and trash.
- Update on letters to encroachers of town-owned conservation lands –draft letters sent out in advance. Send a letter to some people about not letting their dog defecate on conservation land with educational material on how it affects the water.
- *NEW*: Request rule outlawing alcohol on town-owned conservation lands and authorization for MCC to post signs saying ‘No Alcohol Use on this town-owned

conservation land by order of BOS'

**EASEMENTS:**

- FRIZZELL
- LANCEY WARD
- LAVALLIERE
- LYMAN BROOK
- SILVER SPRINGS
- WALLACE WAY
- NUTE HAYBARN AND PLANTATION EASEMENTS
- LIBERTY CIRCLE – Nute monitors
- CURRENT – Steve monitors: Not done
- Letters to landowners?
- Kane Conservation Monitoring (Virginia) ; plan to send notification letters to landowners. Approved contract. September 12 + 13 Kane will be coming out to do their monitoring.

16. Recruitment of new Alternate members: Any suggestions would be greatly appreciated.

17. Workshop reports if any: None

18. Virginia's report, including communications to MCC : 566 followers on Facebook

19. Other business

20. Public input

21. Confirm date of next month's meeting: Wednesday, August 2, 2023, at 6 p.m.

22. Adjourn: 7:50

*W Sylvester made a motion to adjourn. S Panish seconded. All were in favor.*