



MILTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Meeting @ 6:00 PM, TUESDAY, 4/2/2024
(SPECIAL WEATHER DATE)
Milton Town Hall, 55 Industrial Way

AGENDA

1. Welcome guests: Billy Walden, newly elected DPW Director, and possibly Jennifer Leavitt, Nute School Principal
2. Need someone to take minutes
3. Ascertain who is present and approve alternates to serves as full members as needed
4. Discuss MCC collaborative work with DPW (with guest Billy Walden):
 - Cleanup of dump sites on Ball property conservation land
 - Sam Plummer Rd Culvert Project
 - Road maintenance to prevent erosion into streams
 - Minimize salt use on roads to preserve water quality
 - Parking at town owned conservation land trailheads: Casey Rd Conservation Land and Jones Brook Park, snowplowing and gravel/maintenance
5. Discuss possible MCC volunteer service by Nute high school students (with guest Jen Leavitt): Ball Property clean-up, student interns on Commission, other?
6. Elect Officers: Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer
7. Event announcements:
 - a. Town-wide Earth Day roadside litter cleanup on Saturday April 20, 9 – noon, get trash bags from DPW; DPW will pick them up from roadside
 - b. MMRG Turtle Talk and Walk with Wildlife Biologist Josh Megyesy on Saturday, May 4, featuring new trail at Jones Brook Park, co-sponsored by MCC, pre-pre-register online with MMRG at www.mmrgnh.org.
 - c. Vernal Pool Walk on Sunday, May 5, 2-4 pm, with Lindsay Watkins, UNH Extension County Forester, at Branch Hill Farm's 'Jones Brook East' woodlands, pre-registration required, email mcc@miltonnh-us.com.
 - d. Forest Immersion Walk at Casey Road Conservation Land with Robin Schumaker and Aimee Dion on Saturday, May 18, 10 – noon, pre-registration required, email mcc@miltonnh-us.com.

- e. MMRG events: see their events calendar at www.mmrgnh.org
8. Display/circulate MCC mail and CC materials for lending (sign-out sheet)
 9. Review/Approve 3/6/2024 meeting minutes with corrections (revised version of Deb's minutes sent out on 3/27/ 2024)
 10. Trail Volunteers- update on trails and priorities for 2024, and Big Tree update (Jeff)
 11. Financial Report: (Steve) -- review budget, expenditures, bank statements, invoices and reimbursement approvals
 12. Goals and Priorities for 2024: more discussion from last time?
 13. Wetlands and Shoreland Permit Applications or Violations, if any (Virginia & Wayne) – Paul Berry Shoreland Permit Application (3/21/2024)
 14. Wetlands protections:
 - Report on Planning Board work on Wetlands Conservation District Ordinance and Priority Wetlands designation
 15. MCC Outreach and Service events:
 - a. Reports on Recent Events: none
 - b. Review Publicity and Plans for Upcoming Events (dates, times, locations and other details in Event announcements above):
 - i. Vernal Pool Walk
 - ii. Co-sponsored Turtle Talk and Walk
 - iii. Forest Immersion Walk
 - iv. Cleanup of Ball Property
 - v. WWW Festival on Saturday, August 10
 16. Workshop reports
 17. Town-owned Easements and Conservation lands:

FEE PROPERTIES, REVIEW plans to 'monitor' each of these in 2024:

 - CASEY RD CONSERVATION LAND (MMRG)
 - JONES BROOK PARK/PAYNE (MMRG) Request from MMRG intern Hannah Ritchings for permission to conduct amphibian and other wildlife inventory (letter sent out on 3/29/2024)
 - SPAULDING TURNPIKE (LEE)
 - DAMES BROOK (BOB)
 - OLD SKI AREA (VIRGINIA)
 - BALL PROPERTY (SHARON)
 1. Update on plan to clean up old dump sites (see discussion above with Billy Walden)
 2. Signage: Remove no trespassing and no hunting signs, add no motorized vehicle signs and no dumping signs (Jeff)
 3. Follow-up on encroachments (Virginia)

- BRUSH PILE OPPOSITE JASK, NEEDS NO DUMPING SIGNS
- Gustitus encroachments –
 - i. UPDATE FROM BALL PROPERTY SITE WALK
 - ii. UPDATE FROM WILL MACDUFF (SURVEYOR)
 - iii. UPDATE FROM JOE GUSTITUS

EASEMENTS:

MMRG-MONITORED EASEMENTS

- FRIZZELL- post ‘NO ATV’ signs? “erosion and puddles on snowmobile trail”
- LANCEY WARD. “Slight encroachment” at easternmost corner where grass yard intrudes into easement
- LAVALLIERE
- LYMAN BROOK
- SILVER SPRINGS
- WALLACE WAY
- NUTE HAYBARN AND PLANTATION EASEMENTS (SHARON)
- LIBERTY CIRCLE – (NUTE)
- Letters to encroaching landowners
- CURRENT – (STEVE).

18. Report from TPPA (Wayne) including MCC joint educational outreach (Virginia)
19. Virginia’s report, including communications to MCC
20. Other business
21. Update on Tayzach Realty development of Map 5/Lot 7 on Willey Rd next to Miller Pond
22. Recruitment of new Alternate members
23. Public input
24. Confirm date of next month’s meeting: Wednesday, May 15, 2024 at 6PM
25. Adjourn