



MILTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
PO BOX 310 MILTON, NH 03851
Meeting @ 6:00 PM, Wednesday, 12/6/2023
Milton Town Hall, 424 White Mountain Highway

Minutes

ATTENDANCE:

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

Alternates: Sharon Buttrick (watched from home), Lee Pilkovsky,

Absent: Jeff LeClair

Public:

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

1. Welcome guests: Linda and Tom Goyette
2. Ascertain who is present and approve alternates to serves as full members as needed: Jeff LeClair is absent. Virginia sat Lee in for Jeff.
3. Event announcements: None
4. Display/circulate MCC mail and CC materials for lending (sign-out sheet): None
5. Review/Approve 11/1/2023 meeting minutes with corrections: ***Wayne made a motion accept the minutes with corrections. Bob seconded. All were in favor.***
6. Hunting policy on Ball Property: Much discussion on hunting on this property with Linda and Tom Goyette. They are abutters that walk this land frequently. They came to the meeting to see if hunting is or is not allowed. There are old signs posted saying nothing is allowed on that property at the present time (no trespassing, no hunting, etc). Those signs will need to be taken down. Hunting is allowed on the property. The committee does intend to put up some signs to make sure people don't let their dogs in the pond because that's a sensitive Natural Area we don't want dogs in the pond.

Steve made a motion to remove inappropriate postings and to not be posted except for motorized vehicles. Wayne seconded. All were in favor.
7. Financial Report: Finance was able to give Steve the reports he needed. The CC has \$4,620. The CC does have some bills that are coming up which are \$500 for a map for the planning board, a roughly \$1,050 water test bill, Steve spent \$60 on PVC

pipe for marking for holding signs on the ball property and a \$1250 monitoring fee which was paid just this week so when you subtract that off of the \$4620, the CC has \$1,680 remaining. The conservation fund is basically unchanged except finance finally did the quarterly removal of the monies that the CC had asked for her to pay out. \$10,000 still needs to be paid for the Kimble project on Mason Road. The CC has not gotten a bill for that yet, but it's expected anytime. The CC has still not received their share of the land use change tax from several years ago, but apparently those budget years are still under audit.

Wayne made a motion to accept the financial report. Bob seconded. All were in favor.

Last month the committee pre-approved \$300 for the map. They were told it was going to cost \$200. The new map for the priority wetlands that included some other stuff with it was going to be \$500. Virginia thinks paying this would be an appropriate use of the funds.

Steve makes a motion for the committee to approve \$500 for the priority wetlands map. Wayne seconded. All were in favor.

Virginia said that there is another map, the Wetlands Conservation District Map. The Town Planner wants to get this map done. He thinks the cost for this would be around \$250-\$300.

Steve makes a motion to approve up to \$500 for a Wetland Conservation overlay district map. Wayne seconded. All were in favor.

Virginia asked if she could have \$132 preapproved to spend at Staples to get a new updated 3'X4' laminated map for the kiosk at the Casey Rd conservation land. And for a legal sized file folder box for all the files on each of the properties the CC has that Virginia has at home. \$108 +\$24= \$132.

Steve made a motion to approve up to \$150 for the stuff that Virginia needs at Staples. Wayne seconded. All were in favor.

Steve made a motion to approve up to \$1100 for the water testing bill from UNH. Wayne seconded. All were in favor.

8. Wetlands and Shoreland Permit Applications OR Violations: None

9. Wetlands protections:

- Report on Planning Board work on Wetlands Conservation District Ordinance and Priority Wetlands designation: Virginia and Wayne were the only two to attend the public hearing for the wetland's ordinance. There wasn't anyone from the public there. The priority wetlands article was passed on a vote of 5-2 to be put on the warrant. At the hearing, Virginia presented a power point presentation about the priority wetlands.
- Publicity and information dissemination for Wetlands Ordinance/Significant Wetlands Warrant Article – suggest flyer version of my PowerPoint, if Bruce okays it, brainstorm other publicity. Virginia is going to try to put together a flyer of the power point presentation to put around town.
- Steep slopes ordinance?

10. Update on MCC events: plan snowshoe walk for Feb? Hopefully one can be planned.

11. Town-owned Easements and Conservation lands:

FEE PROPERTIES, REVIEW plans to ‘monitor’ each of these in 2023:

- **CASEY RD CONSERVATION LAND:** The CC received Jon Nute and MMRG’s monitoring report. There are a couple of landowner abutters that are changing and that is the main thing he pointed out. It will be good for the committee to find out so they can contact them to remind them that they live next to town owned conservation land and to please treat it like a natural valuable Natural Area.
- **JONES BROOK PARK/PAYNE:** Mike and Jeff are out there a lot. They do not have an official report.
- **SPAULDING TURNPIKE:** Lee didn’t see any new ATV use but did find a new fire ring. Virginia has not heard anything from Ken StPierre to let her know if he has seen anything on the cameras. She would like to know something so that if she needs to, she can contact the snowmobile club to try to get them to put a gate up. Virginia will try to get ahold of him.
- **DAMES BROOK:** Virginia asked Bob a couple of questions about if he had any issues finding some boundary markers. Bob is going to go back in early spring to locate the boundary with a GPS. There was some encroachment from an abutter that the CC will have to monitor so the encroachment doesn’t creep any more into the conservation land.
- **OLD SKI AREA:** This area was monitored by Virginia, Lee, Steve, and guest Tom Almeida.
- **BALL PROPERTY**
 1. Update on plan to clean up old dump sites: Virginia called Pat Smith but needed to leave a message with Nicole (public works secretary).
 2. Virginia found that there is stuff being dumped in an area across from where the Gehres house is but is now owned by Jask Realty LLC. Where the stuff (A pile covered by a tarp) is, used to have a boat parked there. There is also a big pile of brush and debris pushed into the woods. Virginia wrote a letter to them to let them know that this stuff is encroaching on conservation land, and it needs to be removed. She is going to ask them to have it removed by March 1st.
 3. Follow-up on encroachments including Gustitus shed: Virginia asked at the BOS meeting if the CC could pursue this. They said OK. There is stuff that is on the Ball property. Virginia wrote a letter to the homeowner stating that their stuff needs to be removed. Virginia thinks it would be a good idea to coordinate a time with the homeowner and a surveyor to be at the property at the same time so the homeowner can move the boardwalk, if necessary, before the granite post is put in place.

EASEMENTS: Kane Conservation Monitoring took place 9/12 & 9/13: Virginia said that Kane Conservation needs to be paid \$1250 for the work that was done. Postpone discussion of Norman Spicher’s reports and possible encroachments until the next meeting.

- FRIZZELL
 - LANCEY WARD.
 - LAVALLIERE
 - LYMAN BROOK
 - SILVER SPRINGS
 - WALLACE WAY
 - NUTE HAYBARN AND PLANTATION EASEMENTS
 - LIBERTY CIRCLE – Jonathan Nute sent in his monitor report.
- Letters to encroaching landowners, if needed?

- CURRENT – Steve said there wasn't anything different happening.
12. Trail Volunteers Group Update – postponed till January due to personal issues for Jeff. Virginia wants to send Jeff and Jon Nute a thank you card.
 13. Update on Tayzach Realty development of Map 5/Lot 7 on Willey Rd: No news
 14. Report from TPPA including MCC joint educational outreach:
Wayne- There isn't any news. They are working closely with UNH, Amanda McQuade. They are going to have an event or two in the spring.
 15. Recruitment of new Alternate members: ANY prospects?
 16. Workshop reports, if any (Bob Weiss on Coldwater Stream Habitat Community Forum): Bob wants to talk more in depth about this so he will do so at the next meeting.
 17. Virginia's report, including communications to MCC
 18. Other business: Wayne wants to talk about the NHACC annual meeting that he attended. Virginia wants the committee to think about their priorities for the year. They may also want to think about at some point planning their participation in the Woods, Water, and Wildlife Festival. Jill invited the committee to participate and the TPPA too. The committees might want to coordinate on the enviroscape. We need to get the request in if they are going to do this. They need to plan the Ball property clean up.
 19. Public input
 20. Confirm date of next month's meeting: Wednesday, January 3, 2023, at p.m. We will be in the new building. 55 Industrial Way.
 21. Adjourn: *Steve made a motion to adjourn at 7:59 p.m. Wayne seconded. All were in favor.*