



CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Meeting Type:.....**Regular Meeting**
Date:.....**January 12, 2020**
Time:.....**6:30 p.m.**
Place:.....**Via Teleconference**
Address:.....**N/A**
Contact:.....**(802) 893-1186**
Website:.....**www.miltonvt.gov**

MEETING MINUTES

Dan Gaherty, Chair Judith Kinner, Vice-Chair Laurie DiCesare, Clerk Bonnie Pease Juli Tyson William Pikul

1. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Judy Kinner at 6:38 p.m.

2. Attendance:

Members Present: Laurie DiCesare, Judy Kinner, Bonnie Pease, William Pikul, Juli Tyson.

Members absent: Dan Gaherty

Staff Present: Kris Dulmer (Tree Warden /MCC Liaison); Jenna Tucker (Milton Recreation Director).

Public Present: Tom Pendergast (MCC member applicant)

3. Agenda Review:

Jenna added discussions on our Natural Resources Inventory and Winter Festival.

4. Business:

A. Welcome Tom Pendergast:

Judy welcomed potential new MCC member Tom Pendergast and asked him to tell us about his background and interests. To, said he is 27 years old and from Rumford, Maine. After 4 years in the Army, he attended UVM where he is now a Sophomore majoring in Forestry. He has been an assistant manager at Niquette Bay State Park in Colchester and saw MCC information posted at a Milton park trailhead. He and his wife moved to the Ledges in Milton in August of 2019. He has experience with land navigation and GPS work. He also has volunteered with North Branch Nature Center in Montpelier where je worked on vernal pools and amphibian tracking for the VT Atlas of Life. He is scheduled to meet with the Select Board soon.

B. Recreational Trails Grant Application:

Judy said the Recreational Trails Grant pre-application has been approved so we now have to apply for the full grant. Cymone may help with the application for \$50,000 that would continue the trail to Milton Marsh. We will need new letters of recommendation. Jenna offered to write one for the Recreation Department. William said he will take the lead on writing the grant. He is now waiting for the State of VT to post this year's application information. Bonnie offered some trail photos.

C. Natural Areas Draft Ordinance:

Judy asked about the desired scope of the parks ordinance based on the Recreation Department ordinance for Bombardier Park. Bonnie and Judy believe the ordinance should include all three sites: Eagle Mountain, Lamoille Riverwalk and Bombardier Park. William suggested we use a broad draft can be used at all three sites. Jenna reminded us that, once approved, any changes would have to go through the Select Board and open meeting review. Judy asked that input for suggested changes to the ordinance (with specific line

locations) be e-mailed to her. Tom received a copy of the ordinance so may also offer suggestions. Judy will send all of our suggestions to Cally for review at our next meeting.

D. Natural Resources Inventory:

Jenna sent us information on the Milton bidding process. Projects of less than \$15,000. Do not need to go out to the public for bids. Jenna said that Cymone’s approval may be all we need. Juli will check with Remy about writing a proposal. Discussion about which parcels to include in the inventory. Juli estimated the three parcels we discussed (12425B, 12424 and 12426 on Town tax maps) comprise about 115 acres.

Judy would like to have Remy’s proposal available by our next meeting. William will try to map the property corners this week-end. Juli recommends we contact Elizabeth Spinney (State of VT) about doing a free invasive species inventory. Tom and others offered to help with invasive species documentation.

E. Winter Festival (Feb. 12 - 14, 2021):

Jenna mentioned that Arrowhead Golf Course is now open to the public with grooming for XC skiing and other activities. Judy said she visited the site today with a \$25 / household membership fee. A site map will be available soon. Jenna asked for and received Winter Festival suggestions. Juli and Jenna will work on developing a walk where participants will find QR code information at selected sites, possibly around the Milton Pond view loop in the Milton town forest.

5. Staff Updates:

Neither Kris nor Jenna had any staff updates.

6. Review of NCC Minutes: Nov. 24, 2020.

Laurie MOVED that we accept the Minutes of Nov. 24th 2021 as amended. Judy SECONDED. All APPROVED.

7. Adjournment:

Bonnie MOVED that we adjourn. William SECONDED. All APPROVED. Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Laurie DiCesare, Clerk

APPROVED MINUTES:

_____ Date: _____
Dan Gaherty, Chair

Filed with the Milton Town Clerk’s Office on this _____ day of _____, 2020.

ATTEST: _____, Milton Town Clerk