



## CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Meeting Type:.....Regular Meeting  
Date:.....September 28, 2021  
Time:.....6:30 p.m.  
Place:.....Community Room  
Address:.....43 Bombardier Road, Milton  
Contact:.....(802) 893-1186  
Website:.....www.miltonvt.gov

## MEETING MINUTES

*Dan Gaherty, Chair*

*Laurie DiCesare, Clerk*

*Bonnie Pease, Member*

*William Pikul, Member*

### 1. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Dan Gaherty at 6:43 p.m.

### 2. Attendance:

Members Present: Dan Gaherty, Laurie DiCesare, William Pikul.

Members absent: Bonnie Pease.

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

Public Present: Remy Cretol, District Manager for WNRCD

### 3. Agenda Review:

No additions.

### 4. Business:

#### a. Lamoille Riverwalk (LRW) Natural Resource Inventory:

Remy Cretol, District Manager for Winooski Natural Resources Conservation District (WNRCD), gave an update on the LRW Natural Resource Inventory. (See attached hand-out "MCC Meeting 9.28.2021; Lamoille Riverwalk Natural Resource Inventory and Recreation Assessment".) In May of 2021, he was hired by WNRCD and his weekend availability was limited by personal challenges, both reducing the time he had to spend on the inventory. He has done much field work, considering soils and geology. The mature hemlock forest is good shelter for wildlife but is not rich in diversity. Many trees were recently harvested. He plans to do the recreation assessment during the winter.

Remy said he could apply for a small grant with a MCC letter of support. This would enable him to work on the project during week days. Cost of the project would be \$3,500 to \$5,000. William asked about the scope of the work. Remy said it would be similar but with more resources. If the grant was for \$3,500 and the total cost of the project was \$5,000, the MCC/Town of Milton would pay the additional \$1,500. Jenna noted that watershed grants are mostly based on water quality. Remy said we would be notified about the watershed grant in March or April of 2022. Jenna voiced her concern for the 3-month turn-around time to receive grant money.

After Remy left, the MCC discussed the inventory and grant possibilities. Dan said he would contact Remy to request an update on the work he has done to date. The MCC agreed to wait until all members are present to vote on this proposal.

#### b. Enhancement of Recreation Stewardship and Access (ERSA) Trail Grant:

Review has been extended to Oct. 4, 2021.

#### c. Lamoille Riverwalk Repair:

Kris cut the rebar. William, Dan and Kris will set a Saturday work date.

**d. Milton Conservation Commission Member Recruitment:**

Dan suggested we post notices at trailheads. Kris suggested they be laminated. Dan will work with Bonnie on this project. William will prepare website information. Laurie will write up a Front Porch Forum ad. Jenna will help design Vista Print sandwich boards. We will bring our ads to the next meeting for discussion prior to posting.

**5. Staff Updates:**

Jenna said that Don Turner has hired a new administrative assistant who will start work in November. Jenna will send the Commission Members their temporary passwords for their Town e-mails.

**6. Nature Notes:**

Kris said the water bags surrounding the new orchard trees worked well. The trees are looking good. Jenna said that a group of Milton High School students helped with the weeding. Laurie mentioned that she saw a large number of gypsy moth egg clusters on a maple tree at Riverside Park.

**7. Adjournment:**

Laurie MOVED that we adjourn. William SECONDED. All APPROVED. Meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

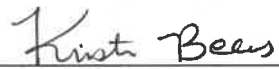
Respectfully submitted,

Laurie DiCesare, Clerk

**APPROVED MINUTES:**

*For*  *vice chair* Date: 11/23/2021  
Dan Gaherty, Chair

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ATTEST: , Milton Town Clerk