

1 **TOWN OF MILTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
2 **SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

3 **Thursday, May 7, 2015**

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4 Municipal Building Community Room  
5 43 Bombardier Road ♦ Milton, VT 05468  
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8 **CC Members Present:** Judith Kinner, Chair; Bonnie Pease; and Dan Gaherty

9 **CC Members Absent:** Jay Maurice and Laurie DiCesare

10 **Staff Present:** none

11 **Others:** None

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13 **I. Call to Order, Attendance, Agenda Review**

14 Judy Kinner called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m.

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16 **II. Public Input**

17 None.

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19 **III. Business**

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21 **A. Recreation Trails Program (RTP) Mini Grant**

22 In the April 28 meeting package, Jake Hemmerick included a notification received from  
23 the VT Department of Forests, Parks, and Recreation (FPR) regarding the availability of  
24 Recreation Trails Program Mini Grants for municipalities. This was not discussed at the  
25 April 28 meeting. Since that meeting, a majority of Conservation Commission members  
26 informally agreed (at the May 1 outing) to pursue this opportunity as a possible funding  
27 source for existing projects. There are no matching funds required for this grant.

28 This special meeting was called because the deadline for submitting the grant  
29 application is May 22 (prior to the next regularly scheduled CC meeting).

30 Lamoille River Walk - An estimated cost for the replacement of the interpretative sign  
31 posts for the Lamoille River Walk (LRW) was included in the April 28 package. This was  
32 not discussed at the April 28 meeting and was tabled for future discussion. On May 7,  
33 this cost estimate was discussed and there was unanimous agreement to include a total  
34 adjusted cost estimate (\$233.48) in the budget estimate for the RTP grant application.

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36 **B. Eagle Mountain Signage and Marking Paint**

37 Trail Blazing - The CC has revised the map for the Eagle Mountain Natural Area (EMNA)  
38 to clarify trail names and blaze colors. In order to match trail blazing to the new map, the  
39 purchase of paint is necessary. Bonnie provided a cost estimate of \$174 for 5 gallons of  
40 exterior paint. It was unanimously decided to purchase the required paint using  
41 remaining FY 2015 funds (\$234). The balance of the 2015 funds will be used to  
42 purchase 5, 4X4X8' PT posts (\$61.85 total).

43 Trail Signs -In the May 1 walk through, the need for 14 new signs and 10, 4X4X8' posts  
44 was identified. The April 28 CC package included an April 3 e-mail message with an  
45 estimated cost (\$40 each) for trail signs to be made by Rob Ketcham. It was agreed that  
46 the new signs should be made to match existing signs at EMNA. It was unanimously  
47 agreed that the estimated budget of \$650.97 (including hardware) for this material will be  
48 included in the RTP grant application.

50 **C. RTP Mini Grant Summary**  
51 The attending CC members agreed to submit the RTP grant application for the following:  
52 1. Lamoille River Walk Interpretative signs - \$233.48  
53 2. EMNA signs/posts - \$650.97  
54 The combined projects will bring total grant application amount to: **\$884.95**. A  
55 spreadsheet that provides the budget details for each of the projects discussed at the  
56 meeting is attached.  
57 Dan has agreed to prepare the grant application and circulate a draft for full CC review.  
58 Dan will also coordinate with Jake to schedule a time at the next available Selectboard  
59 meeting to obtain their approval prior to submitting to VT FPR.  
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61 **IV. Adjourn**  
62 Judy Kinner adjourned the meeting at 10:12 A.M.  
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64 **Submitted by**  
65 \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_  
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67 **Judith Kinner, Chair** /dg  
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