



## CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Meeting Type:..... **Special Meeting**  
Date:..... **Tuesday, December 20, 2016**  
Time:..... **6:30 p.m.**  
Place:..... **Department of Planning and Economic Development**  
Address:..... **43 Bombardier Road Milton, VT 05468**  
Contact:..... **(802) 893-1186**  
Website:..... [www.miltonvt.org](http://www.miltonvt.org)

### MEETING MINUTES

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1 **1. CALL TO ORDER**

2 The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.  
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4 **2. ATTENDANCE**

5 **Members Present:** Dan Gaherty, Chair; Judy Kinner, Vice-Chair; Laurie DiCesare, Clerk; Bonnie  
6 Pease.

7 **Members Absent:** Nathaniel Carner

8 **Staff Present:** Jeffrey Castle, Town Planner

9 **Public Present:** None  
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11 **3. AGENDA REVIEW**

12 Castle shared that a new member has joined the Conservation Commission. Nathaniel Carner was  
13 appointed to the Commission at the Selectboard meeting of December 19<sup>th</sup>. Nathaniel has trail work  
14 experience and has worked with VYCC.  
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16 **4. PUBLIC FORUM**

17 None  
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19 **5. BUSINESS**

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21 **5(A). Wetland Permit for Town Forest**

22 Castle explained the progress with wetland permitting. It has been determined that the trail construction  
23 within the existing trail corridor will not be exempt from permitting. An individual permit will be required  
24 due to the extent of impacts. Castle will proceed with the permit preparation. The estimated cost will be  
25 calculated and integrated in the construction RFP.  
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27 **5(B). RFP for Town Forest Trail Construction**

28 Dan has briefly reviewed the draft RFP and will continue to make adjustments. A draft will be  
29 circulated after some revision. All Commissioners are encouraged to comment. The option of  
30 relocation of the trail was discussed. It was agreed that the new trail will follow the existing trail.  
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32 **5(C). 2017-2018 Recreational Trails Program (RTP) grant application**

33 Dan has prepared and submitted two grant pre-applications. One is for 15 trail signs in the Town  
34 Forest. The other is for bridge replacement on the Lamoille River Walk trail which was prepared  
35 using a budget provided by VYCC. The full application is due February 1<sup>st</sup>. The items needed for  
36 the application were discussed. Dan agreed to continue working on application preparation but  
37 may enlist help if needed.

1 **5(D). Selectboard meeting**

2 The Conservation Commissioners would like to attend the Selectboard meeting of January 23<sup>rd</sup>.  
3 Castle will contact the Manager’s office to get onto the agenda. The Commissioners will report on  
4 their activities. A resolution supporting the submission of RTP grants will be presented to the  
5 Selectboard for approval as well. Castle will supply trail register data that has been compiled to  
6 illustrate the community usage of the trails.  
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8 **5(E). Maple Sugaring on Eagle Mountain**

9 A resident has inquired into the possibility of conducting maple sugaring on the Eagle Mountain  
10 Natural Area property. There is a stand of maples off of Cold Spring Road that is of interests. In the  
11 past there has been a concern about liability and a requirement that any individual conducting such  
12 activities would provide liability coverage. There are concerns about the equity of allowing one  
13 individual to use Town land for their own personal benefit. The aesthetic impact of allowing  
14 sugaring within a public natural area was also of concern.  
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16 **Additional Items**

17 Judy Kinner will make measurements of the sign kiosk at the Eagle Mountain Cold Spring Road  
18 access and request a quote of the making of a new aluminum sign matching the Henry Road sign. A  
19 quote for a Town Forest sign will also be requested. Commission budget funds will be used for the  
20 purchase of signs.  
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22 It was agreed that mailboxes will be purchased for use as brochure holders at trail heads.  
23 Reinforced paper for trail registers will also be purchased.  
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25 **7. MINUTES of October 25<sup>th</sup>, November 9<sup>th</sup>, & November 14<sup>th</sup> 2016**

26 Kinner MOVED to approve the Minutes of October 25<sup>th</sup> , 2016, SECOND by DiCesare. APPROVED  
27 (4-0). Kinner MOVED to approve the Minutes of November 9<sup>th</sup> , 2016, SECOND by Pease.  
28 APPROVED (4-0). Kinner MOVED to approve the Minutes of November 9<sup>th</sup> , 2016, SECOND by  
29 Pease. APPROVED (4-0). DiCesare MOVED to approve the Minutes of October 25<sup>th</sup> , 2016,  
30 SECOND by Pease. APPROVED (3-0).  
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32 **8. ADJOURNMENT**

33 Pease motioned for the meeting adjournment at 8:48 p.m., SECOND by Kinner, APPROVED  
34 unanimously (4-0).  
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36 **Minutes approved by the Commission this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2016.**  
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40 **Dan Gaherty, Chair** /jwc

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42 **Draft filed with the Town Clerk this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2016.**  
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44 **Filed with the Town Clerk this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2016.**