



MILTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Type:..... **Regular Meeting**
Date:..... **Tuesday, February 23, 2016**
Time:..... **6:30 p.m.**
Place:..... **Municipal Building Community Room**
Address:..... **43 Bombardier Road, Milton, Vermont 05468-3205**
Contact:..... **802.893.1186 ♦**
Website:..... **miltonvt.org**

1 **1. CALL TO ORDER**

2 The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:39 p.m.
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4 **2. ATTENDANCE**

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

7 **Members Absent:** None

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

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

12 **Additions:** The Commissioners discussed how to advertise the vacancy on the Conservation
13 Commission to fill the seat left by Jay Maurice. Castle suggested that putting out a call in the
14 Milton Independent would likely be the most direct way to reach the community.

15 The Commissioners requested that a Green Up Day progress report be included in every meeting so
16 that progress is on schedule for a successful event.

17 Pease requested that the information on the website be updated so that events and upcoming
18 meeting dates are accurate.

19 **Deletions:** None
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21 **4. PUBLIC FORUM**

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24 **5. OLD BUSINESS**

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26 **5(A). Town Forest Map and Brochure Printing**

27 The Commissioners agreed that the addition of a fall foliage photograph on the map and confirmed that this
28 is the final version. The printing cost seems high for the quality needed for the brochures. The
29 Commissioners requested that the possibility of printing the brochures in-house using the Town equipment
30 be explored. Castle said that he would look into this possibility and said that any printing costs on the Town
31 equipment would need to be charged to the Conservation Commission budget. If this was not possible,
32 Castle said he would explore other lower cost options.
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34 **6. NEW BUSINESS**

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36 **6(A). Eagle Mountain Trail Signage**
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1 Dan Gaherty shared that he has been in contact with Rob Ketchem about creating new signs for Eagle
2 Mountain. He has informed Rob that he can adjust the size of the signs based on each sign's content and his
3 judgment. The price quote of \$40 per sign was identical the budget for the RTP mini grant. 12 signs have
4 been ordered. Dan also priced out metal posts for the trail signs. The Commissioners agreed that wooden
5 posts should be used where they can be, and metal posts can be driven into the ground in rocky areas with
6 limited soil. There is concern about vandalism and removal of the sign posts. It was suggested that the posts
7 be cemented into the ground, where possible to discourage vandalism.

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9 Sign posts for the Lamoille River Walk (LRW) were also discussed. The RTP mini-grant is for signage on
10 both the Eagle Mountain and Lamoille River Walk trails. The LRW needs numbers signs for the existing
11 interpretive trail. The commissioner agreed that simple posts with numbers routed and painted onto them
12 would be simple and cost effective. Judy Kinner suggested that a Milton High School student may be
13 interested in a community service project and could possibly do the routing. She will follow up by reaching
14 out to the School.

15 16 **6(B). Town Forest Major Recreational Trails Program Grant Update**

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18 The commissioners discussed the options surrounding the release of an RFP for the trail project funded by
19 the Recreational Trails Grant. There is concern over the potential timing of the wetland delineation and
20 payment of wetland fees. The requirement that it be included in a trail construction proposal is potentially
21 limiting. The Conservation Commission decided to pursue wetland delineation and payment of the wetland
22 fees prior to the release of the RFP for the trail construction.

23 24 25 **7. STAFF UPDATES**

26 27 **7(A). General Update**

28 Castle shared that he attended the Climate Economy Summit to learn about opportunitites for the Milton
29 Community in the face of change.

30 31 **8. MINTUES OF December 15, 2015 and January 26, 2016**

32 Minor changes to the minutes were requested. Pease **MOVED** to approve the Minutes of December
33 15, 2015, **SECOND** by DiCesare. Unanimously **APPROVED**. The Commission Unanimously
34 consented to Table the signing of the Minutes of January 26, 2016.

35 36 37 **9. ADJOURNMENT**

38 Pease **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m., **SECOND** by Gaherty. Unanimously
39 **APPROVED (4-0)**.

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41 **Minutes approved by the Commission this _____ day of _____, 2016.**

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45 **Judith Kinner, Chair**

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2 Filed with the Town Clerk this 26th day of February, 2016.
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