



## MILTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Type:.....Regular Meeting  
Date:.....Tuesday, March 22, 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

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1 **1. CALL TO ORDER**

2 The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.  
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4 **2. ATTENDANCE**

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

6 **Members Absent:** None.

7 **Staff Present:** None (Town Planner Jeffrey Castle absent).

8 **Public Present:** None.  
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10 **3. AGENDA REVIEW**

11 With Castle absent, it was decided to table the following Agenda items until Castle was present:

- 12 • 5(A). Town Forest Map and Brochure Printing
  - 13 • 6(C). Town Forest Major Recreational Trails Program Grant Update
  - 14 • 6(D). Lamoille River Walk Bridge
  - 15 • 7(A). Staff Updates
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17 The Commission agreed to hold a second meeting Thursday, March 31, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. which  
18 Castle can attend, and Kinner cannot. Gaherty noted he will be missing the May meeting.  
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20 **4. PUBLIC FORUM**

21 None.  
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23 **5. OLD BUSINESS**

24 **5(B). Eagle Mountain (EM) and Lamoille River Walk (LRW) Signage Update (RTP Mini Grant)**

25 Gaherty reported that the 12 EM signs are routed and are having the protective coating being applied as of  
26 two days ago. The signs should be ready next week. Gaherty will be in Rutland next week, and if he could  
27 obtain a check for Rob Ketcham's work, he could stop in Pittsford and pick up the completed signs. Gaherty  
28 contacted the Milton Building Home Center for quotes on the needed materials (posts, concrete mix, post  
29 hole digger, etc.) to complete the sign installations at EM, and the numbered posts at the LRW (see his  
30 spreadsheets he emailed March 18th). The Conservation Commission unanimously agreed to add about \$40  
31 from their 2015-16 budget to complete the payment for those above items.  
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33 Gaherty also explained how the rebar would be added to the 4" x 4" posts to help anchor them in the ground.  
34 Discussion followed about possibly getting volunteers to assist with these labor intensive projects. The  
35 Commission decided to do a test run by installing a few of the LRW posts, so they could better understand  
36 the dynamics of installing the posts. That tentative date is May 9th at 9:30 a.m. at the Richie Avenue end of  
37 the LRW. Also Kinner will try to contact Baird, the volunteer at EM, who installed the present sign posts  
38 there.

1 **6. NEW BUSINESS**

2 **6(A). Green Up Day Timeline**

3 The Commission reviewed the Green Up 101 guidelines that listed when what actions need to be taken. The  
4 write up made reference to items that were not included in the information packet, which made it more  
5 challenging to see what things the Commission would do, and what things Staff would handle. It was  
6 unclear about the \$300 check that needed to be cut in order to buy food and other supplies for Green Up  
7 Day. Kinner will check with Castle or Hemmerick about that. The Pavilion needs to be booked, Public  
8 Works has to get truck drivers and barrels set up, a copy of the town street map, and more. DiCesare will  
9 contact Hannafords about hot dog rolls, condiments, etc. Kinner & Pease will go together to Costco for hot  
10 dogs, etc. DiCesare and Pease will together shop for the award prizes. The grill is still a question as to who  
11 will cook the hot dogs.  
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13 **6(B). Summer Conservation Commission led activities**

14 Kinner mentioned a person who might lead a bird hike at EM May 14th, she will check into that. Kinner also  
15 inquired about a hike on Georgia Mountain, she heard that you can hike the trails there with permission of  
16 Harrison the owner. It might be difficult to check out the trails ahead of time. Pease offered to lead a Town  
17 Forest hike on Saturday, June 19th, specifically inviting the Selectboard, and Town Manager and assistant,  
18 with any town staff welcome. It will be from 10 a.m. to noon from the Town Forest parking lot. Pease  
19 offered to lead a general hike at Eagle Mountain on August 20th, to show people the side trails that were  
20 blazed last June. That would be meeting at the Henry Road parking lot and go from 10 a.m. to noon.  
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22 **7. MINUTES of January 26, 2016 and February 23, 2016**

23 DiCesare MOVED to approve the Minutes of January 26, 2016, SECOND by Pease. APPROVED  
24 (three For, one Abstention). DiCesare MOVED to approve the February 23, 2016 minutes, SECOND  
25 by Pease. APPROVED (three For, one Abstention).  
26 Gaherty was not sent copies of the minutes, so he abstained.  
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28 **8. ADJOURNMENT**

29 Gaherty motioned for the meeting adjournment at 8:39 p.m., SECOND by DiCesare, APPROVED  
30 unanimously (4-0).  
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32 **Minutes approved by the Commission this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2016.**  
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36 **Judith Kinner, Chair**

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38 **Draft filed with the Town Clerk this 25<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2016.**  
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40 **Filed with the Town Clerk this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2016.**  
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