



CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Meeting Type:..... **Regular Meeting** (4th Tuesday of each month)
Date:..... **Tuesday, June 28, 2016**
Time:..... **6:30 p.m.**
Place:..... **Municipal Building Community Room**
Address:..... **43 Bombardier Road Milton, VT 05468**
Contact:..... **(802) 893-1186**
Website:..... **www.miltonvt.org**

MEETING MINUTES

1 **1. CALL TO ORDER**

2 The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m.

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4 **2. ATTENDANCE**

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

6 **Members Absent:** None

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

8 **Public Present:** Maggie Rand, Jim Lambert

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10 **3. AGENDA REVIEW**

11 None.

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13 **4. PUBLIC FORUM**

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15 Jim Lambert and Maggie Rand were in attendance to discuss the maintenance and upkeep needs of
16 the Bombardier Recreation Park trails. Lambert explained that he and Rand have undertaken much
17 of the maintenance and care of the trails located in the Town's Bombardier Park and several items
18 are of concern regarding the continued and future maintenance of the trails. Lambert stated that he
19 has marked the trails with plastic blazes that were left over from the original Eagle Scout project to
20 mark the trails and he has now run out of red blazes. He is looking for the Town to purchase more
21 red plastic blazes so he can continue replacing those that are damaged over time. There is also
22 concern that old barbed wire is located along the trails and is a safety hazard. They are looking for
23 the wire to be removed. They also shared that they hang plastic bags along the trails for visitor to
24 place their trash, and empty them periodically. There is a concern that the trash receptacles within
25 the park are not adequate.

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27 Commissioners shared concern about the use of plastic blazes because they are easily broken and
28 more expensive than painting blazes along the trail. The Commissioner have had success painting
29 blazes along other trails in Town Parks. There is also concern that the existing barbed wire fences
30 mark property boundaries and should not be removed without permission if they are privately
31 owned. There is a need for an updated trail map for Bombardier Park, consistent with other
32 recently produced trail maps.

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34 The Commissioners agreed to walk the trials of Bombardier Park together prior to the next meeting.
35 Further discussions about future projects that the Commission would like to take on and what role

1 the Commission would like to take in the upkeep of Bombardier Park will continue at the next
2 meeting.

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4 **5. OLD BUSINESS**

5 None.

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7 **6. NEW BUSINESS**

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9 **6(A). Town Forest Hike Report & Parking Lot Discussion**

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11 Bonnie Pease shared the result of the Town Forest hike she led with members of the Selectboard
12 and the Town Manager. Darren Adams, Ken Nolan, Donna Barlow Casey and Jacob Hemmerick
13 were in attendance. Many of the attendees had never hiked on the Town Forest Trails before.
14 Pease took them on a hike that showed them the diversity of the Forest and some of the spectacular
15 views. On the day of the walk, drug paraphernalia and dead fish were found in the parking lot.
16 This spurred discussion about security in the parking lot. There may be a need for a deterrent to
17 reduce unwanted activity in the lot. Options include a gate, a motion activated light, and/or a
18 security camera. There was discussion about the pros and cons of each. Further discussion of
19 security improvement for the Town Forest parking lot was TABLED until next meeting.

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21 **6(B). Lamoille River Walk Brochure Update**

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23 The Lamiolle River Walk Brochure was reviewed for any needed updates. Repeated mention of
24 Central Vermont Public Service Corporation (CVPS) will be updated to Green Mountain Power.
25 Minor changes will be attempted to make the map more readable, if possible. The Commissioners
26 would like to do a complete revamp of the brochure in the near future to continue make all Town
27 trail maps similar.

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29 **6(C). Town Forest Major Recreational Trails Program Grant Update**

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31 Castle shared an update on the Town Forest Trail project. In the new fiscal year, beginning on July
32 1, he will be able to requisition wetland delineation for the project. The delineation will encompass
33 the entire trail project, to the proposed platform on Milton Marsh. Even if the trail does not make it
34 all the way to the Marsh with this grant, the delineation will be valid for 5 years, and can be used
35 for continuance of the project in future years. Given the status of the wetland delineation and the
36 likely wait time for a wetland permit, construction will likely take place in the spring of 2017.
37 Castle will be working on the RFP so that it will be ready for release when the wetland delineation
38 is complete.

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40 Castle showed the Town Forest brochures that have been printed. They are now available for
41 distribution.

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43 **6(D). Recreational Trails Program Mini-Grant Update**

1 The remaining trail signs on Eagle Mountain will be installed in the end of August. Once
2 installation in complete, the closeout of the grant can be done.

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4 **8. MINUTES of May 24, 2016**

5 Pease MOVED to approve the Minutes of May 24 as written, SECOND by DiCesare. APPROVED
6 (4-0).

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8 **9. ADJOURNMENT**

9 Pease motioned for the meeting adjournment at 9:25 p.m., SECOND by DiCesare, APPROVED
10 unanimously (4-0).

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

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17 **Judith Kinner, Chair**

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18 **Draft filed with the Town Clerk this _____ day of _____, 2016.**

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