



## CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Meeting Type:..... **Regular Meeting** (4th Tuesday of each month)  
Date:..... **Tuesday, September 27, 2016**  
Time:..... **6:30 p.m. (6:15, Joint discussion with Planning Commission in Manager's Conference Room)**  
Place:..... **Planning and Economic Development Office**  
Address:..... **43 Bombardier Road Milton, VT 05468**  
Contact:..... **(802) 893-1186**  
Website:..... **www.miltonvt.org**

### MEETING MINUTES

1 *Prior to the Conservation Commission regular meeting. Members of the Conservation Commission*  
2 *attended a meeting of the Planning Commission at 6:15 to discuss the Regional Energy Plan and*  
3 *future training opportunities for all Boards and Commissions.*  
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#### 5 **1. CALL TO ORDER**

6 The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:22 p.m.  
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#### 8 **2. ATTENDANCE**

9 **Members Present:** Dan Gaherty, Chair; Judy Kinner, Vice-Chair; Laurie DiCesare, Clerk.

10 **Members Absent:** Bonnie Pease

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

12 **Public Present:** Spencer Lane, Michael Lane  
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#### 14 **3. AGENDA REVIEW**

15 The discussion with Spencer Lane about his Eagle Scout Project was moved to the beginning of the  
16 agenda.  
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#### 18 **4. PUBLIC FORUM**

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#### 21 **5. BUSINESS**

##### 22 **5(B). Spencer Lane Eagle Scout Project Plan for Lamoille River Walk**

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25 Spencer Lane was in attendance to discuss his Eagle Scout Project Plan for bridge construction on  
26 the Lamoille River Walk. The plan includes the replacement or improvement of several stream and  
27 wet area crossings along the trail. A bench is also proposed. Spencer will manage the project,  
28 including fundraising and gathering material donations. The goal is to be ready for installation of  
29 the improvements in the spring. It was planned for Spencer to walk the trail with members of the  
30 Commission on Saturday October 1<sup>st</sup> to confirm the locations of needed improvements.  
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##### 32 **5(A). Regional Energy Plan**

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34 The Commissioners continued discussion of the Regional Energy Plan that was discussed prior to the  
35 meeting with members of the Planning Commission. At the meeting with the Planning Commission the

1 group agreed that the Town should be prepared for future siting, and discussed various sites and restraints.  
2 They agreed to meet again as a subcommittee consisting of Kinner, Bonges, Gaherty, DiCesare and Donna.  
3 The subcommittee tentatively plans to meet on Wednesday, October 12, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. to formulate formal  
4 comments for the Regional Planning Commission (RPC). In preparation for the meeting, areas of further  
5 research were discussed. These included information from the Comprehensive Plan, locations of sensitive  
6 plant and animal species and the current constraints identified in the Town Forest and Eagle Mountain  
7 Natural Area by the RPC.

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9 **5(C). Walk with Ethan Tapper on Oct 15<sup>th</sup>**

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11 At a previous meeting, a walk through the Town Forest had been planned with Chittenden County  
12 Forester Ethan Tapper for October 15<sup>th</sup>. The Commission discussed if these walk is intended to be  
13 open to the general public, or if it is for interested Commission members. Castle will confirm with  
14 Tapper about the plan for the walk and who the intended audience is. Any needed outreach will  
15 take place once more is known.

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17 **5(D). Annual Conservation Commission Procedural Bylaws**

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19 The Commission reviewed previously requested changes. MOTION by DiCesare, SECOND by  
20 Kinner to Approve the Conservation Commission Procedural Bylaws as amended. APPROVED  
21 Unanimously (3-0). The Commissioners would like to allow Pease, who was absent r from the  
22 meeting, to sign the Bylaws prior to filing with the Clerk's office.

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24 **6. Staff Updates**

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26 **6(A). Grant Updates**

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28 Castle stated that the wetland delineation for the Town Forest RTP grant project has been  
29 conducted and will be verified by the district wetlands ecologist, Brock Freyer on Friday, September  
30 30<sup>th</sup>. Castle will be in attendance. Gaherty also plans to attend. In order to keep the project on  
31 schedule, the wetland permitting process is the priority. The permit application will be prepared  
32 by staff in consultation with Brock. And RFP for the work will be prepared and released after the  
33 wetlands permit application is complete.

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35 The RTP mini-grant for signage on the Lamoille River Walk and Eagle Mountain must be finalized  
36 by December 31, 2016. The funds have been expended on supplies, but some signs still must be  
37 installed. A work days were planned for October 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> to complete the sign installation on  
38 Eagle Mountain.

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40 A letter was submitted by Henry Bonges informing the Conservation Commission of grant  
41 opportunities for funding for the installation of street trees within Town. There may be an  
42 opportunity to coordinate efforts with the ongoing plans for the Milton 4D project for streetscape  
43 improvements along Route 7. The Commission would like to learn more and perhaps take an  
44 active role in future street tree projects.

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**6(B). General Update**

Castle has recently returned from new parent leave. He is still catching up after being away, but making great progress.

The Recreation Commission will be informed that there is a conflict with holding the bi-annual joint meeting on October 12<sup>th</sup>. Castle will request that the joint meeting be moved to the Rec Commission's regular November meeting.

**7. MINUTES of August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

The approval of the minutes of August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016 was TABLED until the next meeting due to lack of time allowed for review prior to the meeting.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

Kinner motioned for the meeting adjournment at 9:32 p.m., SECOND by DeCesare, APPROVED unanimously (3-0).

Minutes approved by the Commission this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2016.

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Dan Gaherty, Chair

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