



## CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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Meeting Type:..... **Special Meeting**  
Date:..... **Monday, January 30, 2017**  
Time:..... **6:30 a.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 6:36 a.m.

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4 **2. ATTENDANCE**

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

7 **Members Absent:** None

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

9 **Public Present:** None

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11 **3. AGENDA REVIEW**

12 The following items were added to the agenda: sharing of the Vermont Public Places Award  
13 submission; discussion of a complaint from a Town Forest neighbor; printing of Eagle Mountain  
14 brochures.

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16 **4. PUBLIC FORUM**

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19 **5. BUSINESS**

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21 **5(A). New Group Photo**

22 The Commissioners posed for their new group photo to be place on the Commission webpage.

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24 **5(B). RTP Grant Application**

25 Gaherty reported that the Recreational Trails Program grant application is ready to file. All letters  
26 of support have been received. The singed resolution from the Selectboard meeting of 1/16 is  
27 included. Ghaherty went over application contents with the Commission. Staff will facilitate the  
28 submission prior to the 2/1 deadline. The results of the grant review will likely be known by May.  
29 The bridge condition is poor and is in need of replacement.

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31 **5(C). Town Forest Kiosk/Signs**

32 Kinner reported on the cost of metal signage for the Cold Spring Road Eagle Mountain Kiosk and  
33 the Town Forest parking lot kiosk. The cost will be roughly \$200 from the Conservation  
34 Commission budget. Staff will help layout the kiosksign for the Town Forest. For the Eagle  
35 Mountain kiosk sign, the existing design can be reduced to be used for Cold Spring Road. A coated  
36 aluminum sign costs \$54 + \$10 shipping.

1 Bonnie made trail sign examples for the Town Forest. The group edited the trail sign wording and  
2 design, making sure directional arrows are correct.  
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4 **5(D). Winter Festival Outing**

5 The Commissioners are concerned about the recent lack of snow and the iciness of the trails. Unless there is  
6 significant snowfall in the next week. There will be a need for participants to have traction devices. Bonnie  
7 will follow up with Recreation in order to have them advise participants that they should not hike in the  
8 forest without traction devices.  
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10 **5(E). Management Planning for Lamoille River Walk Land**  
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12 Castle informed the board that there has been contact with the Town about using land near the  
13 Lamoille River Walk for ATV use. Staff thinks that there should be a management plan created for  
14 this land, as well as all public natural areas in Town. The process of creating a management plan  
15 will help define what uses will be allowed in these areas in the future. The first set is to conduct an  
16 inventory of the area. Jacob has reached out to UVM and the County Forester about the possibility a  
17 cost free inventory.  
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19 **5(F). Open Meeting Law Review**  
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21 The commissioners received information about compliance with Vermont open meeting law.  
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23 **6. Staff Updates, Grant Updates**  
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25 Wetland Permitting application preparation is underway. The RFP Draft is looking good thanks to  
26 Dan's hard work. Boilerplate indemnification and insurance language has been requested to be  
27 included in the RFP. The draft RFP will be reviewed by Hamlin Engineering.  
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29 **7. Approval of minutes of December 20, 2016**

30 Pease MOVED to approve the Minutes of December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016, SECOND by Kinner. APPROVED  
31 (5-0).  
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33 **8. ADJOURNMENT**

34 Pease motioned for the meeting adjournment at 9:22 p.m., SECOND by DiCesare, APPROVED  
35 unanimously (5-0).  
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37 Minutes approved by the Commission this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2017.  
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41 Dan Gaherty, Chair

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43 Draft filed with the Town Clerk this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2017.  
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45 Filed with the Town Clerk this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2017.