



CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Meeting Type:..... **Regular Meeting**
Date:..... **Tuesday, March 28, 2017**
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 6:30 pm.
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4 **2. ATTENDANCE**

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

7 **Members Absent:** Nathaniel Carner.

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

9 **Public Present:** Spencer Lane

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11 **3. AGENDA REVIEW**

12 The following items were added to the agenda: Bonnie Pease added an update on the mapping of
13 ATV trails on Town property near the Lamoille River Walk. Dan Gaherty added an update of his
14 discussions with Public Works regarding securing access to fields at the Eagle Mountain Natural
15 Area.
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17 **4. PUBLIC FORUM**

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20 **5. BUSINESS**

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22 **5(A). Lamoille River Walk Eagle Scout Project**

23 Spencer Lane presented his designs for proposed footbridges and a bench on the Lamoille River
24 Walk trail. The revised proposal is for 4 bridges, all 4 feet wide, and of varying length. They will be
25 constructed of pressure treated lumber and have 2x6 planking. The design for the bench was
26 discussed. The total material cost is estimated at \$650, and will covered with donations and
27 fundraising by Spencer. Spencer will manage the construction of the bridges. The lumber will be
28 prepared off-site and transported to the trail. Volunteers will arrive on the construction day and be
29 divided into work groups for each bridge. Spencer will give the Conservation Commission
30 advanced notice of his plan for a construction day. The proposed donation to the Town must be
31 presented to the Selectboard for approval. Notification must be made to easement holders,
32 including Green Mountain Power prior to construction.
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34 MOTION by Judy Kinner to accept the proposal by Spencer Lane for the construction of four footbridges and
35 a bench on the Lamoille River Walk trail. SECOND by Laurie DiCesare. APPROVED (4-0).
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1 **5(B). Green Up Day**

2 The Commission reviewed the timeline and tasks that need to be completed in preparation for
3 Green Up Day. Judy will prepare a letter for the Milton Independent. Castle will confirm with
4 Public Works that they are assisting in bag pickup and logistics. Castle will update the flier and
5 have it available for distribution at the next meeting. Items will be gathered for giveaway prizes at
6 the Green Up Day picnic. Laurie will prepare a letter requesting donations from Hannaford. The
7 \$300 for supplies will be issued to Dan, and then can be used for purchases.

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9 **5(C). Town Forest and Eagle Mt. Kiosk signs**

10 The design for the metal sign for the Town Forest map is complete. A quote has been received from
11 the sign maker. The Commission approved the preparation of a purchase order using the Commission
12 budget and the ordering of the Town Forest and Eagle Mountain signs.

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14 **5(D). Status Update on Town Forest Trail Project**

15 Ben Heath has begun work on the Wetland Permit. He has made contact with Brock at the State
16 Wetlands Division, and is completing the application based on the Wetland Delineation and the
17 grant application materials. Staff has consulted with Ben about the RFP. It has been agreed that he
18 will help us develop a “design/build” Request for Qualifications instead of a traditional RFP. The
19 bidders will be evaluated on their proposal to do a design/build trail project consistent with the
20 way trail builders in Vermont operate.

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22 **5(E). Transportation Infrastructure Standards Committee Appointment**

23 The Commission discussed appointing a member to the transportation Infrastructure Standards
24 Committee. This committee is in support of the Municipal Planning Grant project for the
25 comprehensive rewrite of the Towns infrastructure standards. Judy Kinner tentatively agreed to be
26 the representative.

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28 **Additional Items**

29 Bonnie Pease shared that she and Brian has been mapping the ATV trails in the Town Land
30 surrounding the Lamoille River walk with GPS. The trail network is extensive, and knowing their
31 location will aid in future management planning.

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33 Dan has spoken to Dustin from Public Works about the individuals driving onto the fields at the
34 Eagle Mountain Natural Area through the Henry Road parking area. It appears that a chain with a
35 lock would be adequate to prevent easy access to the field.

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37 **6. Staff Updates**

38 Castle gave a brief Staff Update.

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40 **7. Approval of minutes of February 28, 2017**

41 Corrections were made to the draft minutes. Kinner MOVED to approve the Minutes of February
42 28, 2017 as amended, SECOND by Pease. APPROVED (4-0).

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44 **8. ADJOURNMENT**

1 DeCesare MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 8:58 pm. SECOND by Kinner. Approved (4-0).

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3 **Minutes approved by the Commission this _____ day of _____, 2017.**

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7 **Dan Gaherty, Chair**

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9 **Draft filed with the Town Clerk this _____ day of _____, 2017.**

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11 **Filed with the Town Clerk this _____ day of _____, 2017.**