



CONSERVATION & RECREATION COMMISSIONS

Meeting Type:.....Regular & Special Meeting
Date:.....Tuesday, April 25, 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. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:29 pm.

2. ATTENDANCE

Conservation Commission Members Present: Dan Gaherty, Chair; Judy Kinner, Vice-Chair; Clerk; Bonnie Pease; Nathaniel Carner.

Recreation Commission Members Present: Erin Demers, John Lindsay.

Staff Present: Kym Duchesneau, Ben Nappi, Jeffrey Castle, Jacob Hemmerick.

Public Present: None

3. AGENDA REVIEW

None

4. PUBLIC FORUM

None

5. BUSINESS

5(A). Inter-Commission Update & Discussion

Conservation Commission Update:

- Green Up Day is coming up on May 6th. Little League Opening Day Celebration is on the same day. The Commission explained the picnic to take place at noon. Giant Veggie contest seeds will be distributed by John Lindsay.
- Recreational Trails Program Grant application was submitted for a bridge replacement on the Lamoille River Walk. The result should be known soon. VYCC would do the work.
- An Eagle Scout will put in 4 bridges and a bench on the Lamoille River Walk this summer.
- Town Forest Trail project is progressing.
- Trail Signs for the Town Forest have been ordered. 9 signs will be installed on the Town Forest Property. 13 similar signs are also being installed on the Pease Property.
- Mapping of ATV trails has been done on the land surrounding the Lamoille River Walk.
- Metal Mailbox trail map holders have been installed at trail head kiosks.
- Metal signs for Town Forest and Eagle Mountain have been ordered and will be installed this summer.
- Some Bombardier Park trails appear to be located on private property. It is preferred that the trails that cross on to private land be closed and signage indicating that the boundary of the public land be installed. A new trail may be needed to avoid private land. The trails need to be blazed and the Recreation Commission may be able to help coordinate volunteers.

1 Recreation Commission Update:

- 2 • Walking maps have been re-ordered from Blue Cross.
- 3 • A system for online registration and payments for programs is being developed.
- 4 • An Eagle Scout project for the installation of a Gaga Ball court will be underway this fall.
- 5 • Basketball court/ice rink rehab and redesign project is in the works.
- 6 • The Dog Park project is at a standstill.
- 7 • Park spruce-up day happened on Saturday. New trash and recycle bins have been placed in the park.
- 8 • Concerts in the park.
- 9 • Milton Firefighters Association will be hosting their annual fireworks.
- 10 • Summer Camp registrations have begun.
- 11 • Town Managers search has a timeline, only a local search, by end of June.
- 12 • Named little league field the Bill Black field after the founder of the little league.

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14 **5(B). Transportation Infrastructure Standards Committee Appointment**

15 Jacob Hemmerick explained the purpose of the Transportation Infrastructure Standards Committee.
16 The meetings of the committee will be taking place once per month, May through January. The
17 priority of the committee is to bring coherence between Public Works, Zoning and Subdivision
18 regulations. The project will focus on all transportation issues. Now is the opportunity to update
19 and give coherence to infrastructure standards. There is a webpage up for the project. The project
20 to rewrite the Town's infrastructure standards is planned to be completed by July 2018.

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22 John Lindsay was nominated by the Recreation Commission and Judy Kinner was nominated by
23 the Conservation Commission to be representatives to the Transportation Infrastructure Standards
24 Committee. Nominations will be presented to the Selectboard for approval.

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26 The Planning Department will have a natural resources planning intern from May through August.
27 20 hours per week will be focused on the update of the Comprehensive Plan. Boards can be very
28 useful to take on chapter updates of the Comprehensive Plan. The Comprehensive Plan update will
29 be completed by February 2018. Outreach begins in June.

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31 The Recreation Commission and Jacob Hemmerick exited the meeting.

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33 **5(C). Green Up Day (CC only)**

34 Nate Carner has a grill and large cooler that he will be bringing to Green Up Day. Dan is in
35 possession of the Green Up Day funds. Bonnie and Dan will purchase supplies on Thursday
36 afternoon.

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38 **5(D). Town Forest and Eagle Mt. Kiosk signs (CC only)**

39 New metal kiosk signs have been ordered for the Town Forest and Eagle Mountain Natural Area
40 and should be delivered soon. The installation of the signs will be further discussed when they have
41 been completed. The Commission discussed a desire to paint the kiosk.

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43 Sunday Bonnie walked around the Marsh and the water is high and the beavers are hard at work.
44 They are filling in the spillway. Bonnie released the debris from the spillway and released the
45 pressure. The Town has made no formal plan for the future of the dam.

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2 **5(E). Update on Town Forest Trail Project (CC only)**

3 Ben Heath, the consulting engineer is continuing work on the Wetlands Permit for the trail project.
4 Rob Ketchum is currently working on the production of Town Forest trails signs. A citizen’s request
5 will be submitted to Public Works for the spring maintenance of the Town Forest Parking lot.
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7 **5(F). Meeting Schedule (CC only)**

8 Dan Gaherty will not be present for May 23th regular meeting. Bonnie Pease will be away for the
9 June meeting. The Commission agreed to cancel July 25th regular meeting as has been customary in
10 the past.
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12 **6. Staff Updates**

13 Castle gave a brief Staff Update.
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15 **7. Approval of minutes of March 28, 2017**

16 Pease MOVED to approve the Minutes of March 28, 2017, SECOND by Kinner. APPROVED (4-0).
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18 **8. ADJOURNMENT**

19 Kinner MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 pm. SECOND by Pease. Approved (4-0).
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21 **Minutes approved by the Commission this _____ day of _____, 2017.**
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25 **Dan Gaherty, Chair** /jwc
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27 **Draft filed with the Town Clerk this _____ day of _____, 2017.**
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