**Mont Vernon Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes (Draft)**

**Wednesday January 10, 2024** @ **7:30** **at the Firehouse**

**Present:** Adrienne Gosselin, Joanne Draghetti, Judy Brophy, Tom Wahle, Peter Tedder, Delia Kostner

7:30PM Meeting called to order: Alternates seated

7:32PM **Acceptance of previous months’ minutes:**

 Peter motioned to accept, Delia 2nd, motion passed.

7:34PM **Presentation & motion to pay bills**

* none

7:35PM **Correspondence**

* Garbos Subdivision on Brook Rd. approved by PB
* DES- wetland permit for driveway culverts on above subdivision.
* NHACC Invoice re: Dues? Adrienne will check into payment.

7:36PM **New Business:**

* **Roger Pinchard Conservation Land**: Joanne reported that the town recently acquired 12 Acres that was donated by Roger & Joanne Pinchard upon the passing of Mrs. Pinchard a few months ago. **Tax Map & Lot 6-26-1** is now town owned land to be managed by the Conservation Commission used soley for wildlife habitat and conservation with access for trails for passive recreational uses only such as hiking, hunting, snow shoeing, fishing, and snow mobile use with permission from the CC. Joanne reviewed the map, other restrictions and terms that were registered in the deed with the CC. In 2017 Joanne and other CC members walked the property with Mr. Pinchard and discussed putting in a small pkg. lot for 2-3 cars, and kiosk with trails. The MVCC agreed to walk the property again this March to begin to make plans toward that end.
* The Pinchards also generously donated 240 acres **(Tax Map & lot** **6-22**) for conservation and wildlife habitat to the State of NH, to be managed by the NH Fish and Game Dept. Joanne reviewed a draft agreement with the State & maps Mr. Pinchard had sent to the Commission re: terms and uses of that property as well, which includes passive recreation only, no motorized vehicles with exception of the continued use by the current local farmer with some guidelines and restrictions for farming.
* **NH Coverts Program**: Delia reported that registration is open for the NH Coverts program, and forwarded that information to Adrienne to email to everyone on the Commission.

8:00PM **Old Business:**

* **Town Report:** Due this Friday Morning, Adrienne will send out.
* **Sign Installation & Kiosk Installation**
	+ Peter reported Chip Day still has not dug the post holes for the signs at **Herlihy Swamp and Hebert Forest**, and kiosk for **Horton Pond**. Discussion ensued about trying to find someone who can dig the postholes. Adrienne will contact Ben Crosby at DPW to see if they can do it or can refer someone. Joanne suggested if DPW can’t do it, posting a notice on MV Chatter to see if someone will help us.
	+ Previous voting: post digging expenditure (up to $450)
* **Kiosks Updates**
	+ **Hebert Town Forest**– Boy Scouts
		- **Ryan Korkuc**: Peter reported that Ryan has completed the kiosk at the Hebert Town Forest and done an outstanding job. A check has been mailed to him to reimburse him for the cost of materials. Pete will let him know it’s in the mail. Joanne will send a thank you letter to Ryan for all his hard work.
		- **Havinga Woods**: Joanne stated the kiosk there was vandalized and needs to be fixed. Tom Wahle said he will take a look at it to see if he can repair it.
	+ **Horton Pond**
		- Ready to Install, waiting for post holes to be dug.
* **Herlihy Swamp:** Tom reported someone dumped a big brush pile in the parking lot at Herlihy Swamp trailhead and wondered if the town DPW department did it. MVCC will remove it in the spring if it’s still there.
* **Native Rhododendrons and bushes:** Joanne stated she will research nurseries for native bushes for Carleton Pond.

8:40PM **Public Time:** Transaction of any other MVCC Business. Next meeting monthly meeting has to be re-scheduled to **February 21, 2024** instead of Feb. 14th.

8:45PM **Meeting Adjourned: Peter motioned, Tom 2nd, motion passed.**

**Respectfully submitted by,**

Joanne Draghetti, Secretary, Mont Vernon Conservation Commission