

Mont Vernon Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes

Wednesday Mar. 10, 2021 @ 7:30 PM via Zoom

7:32PM Call Meeting to order: in attendance: seating alternates. Present: Joanne Draghetti, Adrienne Penkacik, Shelley Brooks, Jim Bird, Aneliya Cox, Mary Jean MacGillivray. Member of the public: Heather Kennedy and Andrew Stokinger.

7:33PM **Previous months minutes:** Shelley makes motion to accept minutes, Adrienne seconds, motion passed.

7:33PM **Presentation & motion to pay bills:**

- None

7:35PM **Correspondence:**

- Weare Ordinance by way of the Planning Board

7:45PM **Old Business:**

- **Carleton Pond:** Tabled to discuss next meeting due to Jay Wilson's absence

a. oLeftover funds:

- Roberta Wilkins Fund (\$1,037.33)
- Whipple Shed Fund (\$1,091.01) needs to be expended by April 18, 2021

a. oPossible Areas to spend funds

- Additional plantings – Jay will contact Todd Wilkins to see if there is an existing (previously quoted) plan
- Adrienne will do some research on plants with substantial root structures to help curb erosion from Library Hill run off
- Kiosk/Pavilion – Jeff will do some additional research into a kit pavilion that would provide some shade for a picnic table or seating. Discussed desire to keep the pavilion consistent with the natural surroundings.

- **Planning Board Update:** Adrienne Penkacik

- a. oPlanning Board investigating the Weare Wetlands Ordinance, which has smaller wetland buffers than recommended by the Conservation Commission.
- b. oNPRC Representative Jay Minkerah has been asked to make further recommendations for our wetlands ordinance based on surrounding town's ordinances.

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8:36PM **New Business:**

- **Possible Nadeau Forest conservation easement violations**

a. oIllegal campsite found

- b. ○Police notified and perpetrators have been identified
- c. ○MVCC is the manager of the easement, but have contact the owners, New England Forestry, about being their agents for enforcement
- d. ○Joanne verified that the campsite is indeed in the Nadeau Forest via GPS coordinates
- **Meeting with Selectmen, attendance policy?:** Joanne and Jay met with Selectmen to clarify confusion regarding the appointment of Conservation Commission Members. They reported that certain members have not attended meetings in a long time and have been replaced. The Selectmen said they will look at the appointment process. The Conservation Commission discussed the possibility of an attendance policy and/or adopting bylaws such as many other Conservation Commissions across the State have done, that can be found on-line.
- Update from MV Recreation Committee Chairman, Heather Kennedy
 - a. ○Recreation Committee traditional annual events
- Shelley working on a Trail Booklet for kids
 - a. ○Heather Kennedy, the Chair of the Recreation Department is helping with distribution
 - b. ○MVCC potentially to fund badges
- Wetland Handout
 - a. ○We do not get notified when a timber harvest happened
 - b. ○Intent to harvest permit necessary
 - c. ○Give out handout?
- Shelley researching Carleton/Lamson property

9:20PM **Public Time:** Transaction of any other MVCC Business

- Meetings will be scheduled as need arises due to COVID-19

9:23PM **Adjourn MVCC. Motion to adjourn made by Shelley Brooks, seconded by Jeff Johnson. Motion passed at 2123.**

Respectfully submitted,

Adrienne Penkacik, Secretary, Mont Vernon Conservation Commission