

Mont Vernon Conservation Commission July 2021 Minutes

Wednesday July 14th, 2021 @ 7:30 PM at Town Hall

7:31PM Call Meeting to order at 7:31 pm, Seat Alternates. Present: Adrienne Penkacik, Jay Wilson, Aneliya Cox, Jim Chase, Jeff Johnson, Karen Drum, Peter Tedder, .

7:33PM **Acceptance of previous months minutes:** Karen made a motion to accept the June minutes as follows: Aneliya 2nd, motion passed.

7:35PM **Bills to be Paid:** None

7:37PM **Correspondence:** A correspondence regarding wood harvest on the Cemetary lot behind the post office led to discussion about potentially developping trails in the, as yet, unused cemetary property but the trail areas could be reclaimed by the Cemetary as required for their future growth. Lou Springer, also a CC member, is involved in this effort on behalf of the Cemetary Committee.

7:43PM **New Business**

- Discussion about the orgainzation of the Conservation Commission.
- Vacant Positons – Secretary – volunteers requested...crickets responded. Responsibility for keeping the minutes will be a rotateing responsibility that will fall on a selected volunteer who came to the meeting with writing instrument and paper.
- Karen brought up the Hebert Lot kiosk and mentioned that raw materials are getting expensive. High material costs are a concern. Jay proposed that we proceed with the rebuild of the kiosk. The town has an account with Milford Lumber. Karen indicated that she would prefer to do a direct purchase and then submit the invoices to the Town for reimbursement. This approach may work.
- It was suggested that the Hebert Lot kiosk should mirror the Mason Rd kiosk.
- Jay opened a discussion about Photo IDs for MVCC members.
- Discussion returned to a review of the present structure of the MVCC:

I. oJay Wilson – Vice Chair

II. oJoanne Draghetti – Post notices for the MVCC and sorking on the wetland ordinance

III. oMary Jean MacGillivary – Landscape Projects

IV. oJeff Johnson – Pond aerator maintainance

V. oPeter Tedder – Wetland permit violations and reveiws

VI. oJudy Brophy – MVCC coordinator for the Library Project

VII. oAneliya Cox – Trail work, land use monitoring, trail cam maintainance

VIII. oJim Chase – Trail work

IX. oJim Bird - MVCC Planning Board coordinator

X. oShelley Brooks – Invasive species monitor

XI. oRachael D'andrea - ?

- A brief discussion about a bench for Carlton Park ensued. Granite and steel benches were rulled out by general concensus. Wood and/or recued material seems ideal for this application. Pete will be cirulating some options for consideration. MVCC previously voted to expend the funds set aside for a park bench.

- A discussion about active participation in the conservation commission was brought up. Jay explained how the MVFD handles the volunteer participation requirements. Some incentive may have to be considered as an effort to encourage participation.
- Training for MVCC members was discussed, both in-house and outside resources. Jay explained how the MVFD is producing their own in-house training videos.
- Invasive species spraying by Lee Gilman. The MVCC already voted to expend the funds for the invasive species control effort which is a line item in the budget (presently \$1600.00). The State spraying jpermit is \$200 alone.
- Jay made a motion to spend up to \$1600 on invasive species spraying. Seconded by Jeff. MVCC unanimous approval. Motion passes.

8:05PM **Old Business:**

- **Update on Proposed Library Road:** A short discussion on the Library road options since the original proposed road idea was abandoned.
- **MVPD:** Chief is stepping down for other pursuits at federal levels.
- **Carleton Pond Aerator:** Jay mentioned that the electricians box needs a new padlock and the aerator timer needs to be reset. DPW or Mont Vernon Electric may be required to assist in resetting the timer. Jeff is currently running the aerator pump manually.
- **Bench Purchase:** Peter will circulate some bench options found on line.
- **Trail Work** – Aneliya asks, “What is the goal?” Make more trails, Maintenance of existing trails? The consensus is that the primary focus is to maintain the existing network of trails. There are already many trails and simply maintaining them is a difficult task. Adrienne suggested trail day events to increase the maintenance effort.

Other Business: Aneliya has volunteered to take over checking the trail cams.

8:22PM **Public Time** Transaction of any other MVCC Business

- Meetings will be scheduled as need arises due to COVID-19, next meeting monthly meeting scheduled **August 11th, 2021**

8:25PM **Meeting Adjourned:** Jay Wilson made a motion to adjourn, Pete Tedder 2nd.

Motion, unanimously passed, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by,

Peter Tedder, Acting Secretary, Mont Vernon Conservation Commission