**Mont Vernon Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday May 10, 2023** @ **7:30** **at Town Hall**

7:30PM **Present:** Adrienne Gosselin, Peter Tedder, Joanne Draghetti, Tom Wahle, Shelley Brooks, Karen Drum. Adrienne Called Meeting to order: Seated Alternates.

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

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

* None

7:35PM **Correspondence**

* Alex Shore
  + Horton Pond questions – lily pads and muck
  + Interested in being a trail steward or volunteer-Adriene will call him back to see if he would be interested in monitoring the Horton Pond pkg. area & boat launch, or what his interest is.
* Scenic Roads Hearing for Logan Subdivision (Old Amherst Rd): May 23rd, 2023, MVCC reviewed subdivision plan which consisted of 5 lots on 51 acres, with significant wetlands. Adrienne stated once the wetland permit comes before us we can study in further detail, for now preservation of stone walls and trees on scenic roads were discussed.
* Phillipi CE (Forest Society)- Peter Tedder will follow up with SPNHF re: Lou Springer property & easement.
* MVCC received letter from NH DES that Wetland Permit for Ray Garbos subdivision on Brook Road, was approved.

7:36PM **New Business:**

* **Library and Road Site Plan Review Findings:** Daland Memorial Town Trustees, Daland Memorial Library Trustees, Mont Vernon Library Trustees, Library Building Committee members, and Board of Selectmen (John Quinlan) were present to follow up discussion from last month:
  + **April 26th Working Meeting Minutes**- Adrienne asked if there was any discussion or edits re: minutes. Bill McKinney stated that Carleton Pond was not part of the plan and information sought by MVCC such as elevation of Carleton Pond, and impact to the berm, drainage, etc. was not included. Joanne Draghetti stated that a letter was sent to Cindy Raspiller from NH DES stating that the Library & Road plan needed to indicate and address the impact to Carleton Pond and surrounding wetlands on their revised wetland permit application. Peter Tedder volunteered with Selectmen’s approval (which was granted) to meet with Meridian engineers to obtain some of the information. Peter Tedder discussed recommendation of moving the FES3 Drainage Outlet Swale to avoid impact or flooding Carleton Pond which would not require an elevation change to the plan. Anne Dodd stated the request by MVCC to see the Extreme Precipitation Data Table and revised drainage calculations, and Hydro CAD analysis were referred to in their Engineer’s response. Peter stated it was referred to but the data wasn’t provided. Adrienne stated we just need the print out of the actual data to review it, and Peter will request & discuss when he meets with Meridian. Bill McKinney asked how does the water treatment system for the New Library fall under the purview of the CC? Peter Tedder explained if the Septic Tank fails due to the salt present it could be a problem because of the location uphill from Carleton Pond. No further discussion. Peter Tedder made a motion to approve and accept April 26th minutes, Karen Drum 2nd, motion passed.
  + **April 12th Meeting Minutes-**Adrienne Gosselin asked if there were any comments or corrections for the minutes. She stated our concerns/recommendations will be directed to the Board of Selectmen for the Proposed Road. John Quinlan stated the property for the New Library was purchased in 1997 and gave a history of the efforts over the years for a new library. He said there will be a new library before any other projects, like the town hall can be addressed. John said the property is all town property belonging to all town residents. Bill McKinney stated there were no property boundaries delineating Library, Cemetery, and Conservation land. Joanne Draghetti stated Carleton Pond & Park were not part of the parcel voted on in 1997 for the Library & Cemetery. It is a separate parcel with a separate deed that was donated to the town by the Carleton Family with deed restrictions, some of which are that it is to be managed by the Conservation Commission and kept in a natural state. Joanne said the MVCC has a responsibility to adhere to the deed restrictions and protect the property, which is why we have raised all of the above concerns. Although the CC has raised concerns about the impact of the Proposed Road to the Pond, John Quinlan stated the Road will be going in as is. He would be starting monthly meetings with all depts & committees to discuss the Proposed Road & New Library starting in June. Adrienne Gosselin said she will attend those, perhaps in lieu of the Library Building Committee meetings and she had emailed Cindy Raspiller about that. Anne Dodd offered to send Adrienne the minutes from their meeting to keep the CC informed. Anne requested that the minutes include the date of March 3rd, when she gave the plan to Jay Wilson. No further discussion. Shelley made a motion to approve and accept the April 12th minutes, Peter 2nd, motion passed.
* Interest in MVCC Membership: Delia Kostner and Ryan Brown have expressed interest and will come to June meeting. Joanne made a motion to change Peter Tedder’s status from Alternate to Board Member, Shelley 2nd, motion passed. Adrienne will notify Selectmen.
* 2023 Outlook
  + **Carleton Pond plantings**- MVCC will meet on Sunday June 4th @ 9 am at the House by the Side of the Road to purchase plants and then to Carleton Pond to plant them. Joanne made a motion to spend the remaining funds in the Roberta Wilkins Trust for plantings, Shelley 2nd. Motion Passed. Peter made a motion to spend up to $1400 from the Carleton Pond unrestricted fund for plantings and associated products needed ie. Loam, etc. Karen 2nd, motion passed.

8:00PM **Old Business:**

* Selectmen requests updates
  + Tom Wahle app. confirmed, Lamson Farm representative, Adrienne will follow up.
  + Meridian communication approved; Peter will meet with them.
  + Attendance Policy-Adrienne will follow up with Selectmen.
* Sign Installation
  + Schedule Herlihy Swamp and Hebert Forest Signs & Horton Pond Kiosk. Date to be determined once post holes dug. Peter will email the MVCC after Lou is done.
  + Peter made a motion for Lou Springer post digging expenditure (up to $450), Shelley 2nd, motion passed.
* Invasive Species at Transfer Station: Shelley wrote a draft letter on behalf of the MVCC to send to Selectmen & DPW re: removal of invasive species.
* Kiosks Updates
  + Hebert – Joanne reported Boy Scout is interested in building kiosk for Hebert as Eagle Scout project along with 2 boardwalk/bog bridges for So. Wah Lum Trail. Requested if any funds available to help with materials. Shelley made a motion to provide $200 to Boy Scout for materials to build boardwalks/bog bridges, Karen 2nd, motion passed.
* Trail Blazing and Marking Standards according to AMC
  + Spence Lovette sent document for review re: standards for blazes. Karen made a motion to adopt the AMC Trail Blazing & Marking Standards for right, left, straight in addition to augment other signs or marker as needed. Shelley 2nd, motion passed.

9:00PM **Public Time:** Transaction of any other MVCC Business

* Next meeting monthly meeting scheduled **June 14, 2022**

9:08PM **Meeting Adjourned, Peter motioned, Shelley 2nd, motion passed.**

**Respectfully submitted by,**

Joanne Draghetti, Secretary, Mont Vernon Conservation Commission