**Mont Vernon Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday March 6, 2024** @ **7:30** **at Town Hall**

**Present: Adrienne Gosselin, Joanne Draghetti, Peter Tedder, Shelley Brooks, Andrew Scalfani.**

7:35PM **Meeting called to order & Alternates seated**. Shelley made a motion to request Selectmen appoint Andrew Scalfani as an Alternate, Peter 2nd, motion passed. Adrienne has already emailed Selectmen with request.

7:38PM **Acceptance of previous months’ minutes:** Peter motioned, Shelley

 2nd, motion passed.

7:38PM **Presentation & motion to pay bills**

* none

7:39PM **Correspondence**

* **Outstanding Wetland violations**- MVCC received copy of another letter from NHDES informing us that Mr. Robert Lenza, owner of 78 Brook Road, still has not complied with their requests for required documentation re: wetland scientists report for permitting process.

7:40PM **New Business:**

* **Proposed New Road Plan**: Peter reported the following based on communication with Spencer Tate, Meridian Surveying, and Sean Malone, Oak Consulting Group:
* **1)** Previous discussions involving MVCC, Selectmen, & Library representatives, all agreed that the **paved sidewalk, stairs, and bridge over the berm to Carleton Pond would be eliminated from** **the plan.** Previous letters sent to DES & MVCC (dated March, 27,2020) from Spencer Tate stated that component would be removed from the plan, however those changes have not been made to the updated plan that Peter received this past week. The MVCC would like those corrections made in writing on an updated plans to ensure once construction begins this is not overlooked.
* **2)** Peter requested **Extreme Precipitation Data (raw data) with Stormwater management report with abstract & existing proposed conditions** to verify correct precipitation values used in the analysis. Peter stated what he received was incomplete. He said no where in the report he received is information re: infiltration in the basins. Peter has asked for clarification and requested summary and detailed descriptions. Adrienne asked Peter if the Town did not receive a “standard” level of detailed analysis. Peter said other projects he has seen have been more detailed. He is waiting for Sean Malone to get back to him on this.
* **3)** **Drainage Outlet from Carleton Pond & Surface Elevation of Carleton Pond is missing**: Peter explained although Carleton Pond is not part of the project, this information is important to determine the direction of flow of the drainage that will come into the pond from the infiltration ponds that ultimately will flow out under Grand Hill Road.
* **4)** **Move Outlet Structure #2 to the Northeast to avoid impacting Carleton Pond:** Despite previous requests this correction has not been made on the updated Plan, Peter will discuss again with Spencer.
* **5)Request for No Salt on Road:** Peter stated this come under the authority of DPW department, and suspects Director Ben Crosby will be using Magnesium Chloride. Joanne asked will all run off from the road, including things like gasoline & motor oil from cars, sediment, and whatever is used to treat the road will flow ultimately into the pond. Peter stated yes, all run off is designed to flow into the infiltration ponds which supposedly is designed to filter the water prior to flowing into the Carleton Pond.
* **Septic Design Plan:** Peter stated there will be no treatment effluent**. Peter will try to get all of the above in writing and hopefully receive an updated plan with corrections before town meeting, and will email to the MVCC for review.** MVCC agreed that if these details can be worked out, with no adverse effects on Carleton Pond & Park, the plan for the road would meet with our satisfaction. Adrienne will be discussing all of the above with John Quinlan tomorrow.
* **Carleton Pond plantings:** Joanne reported on nurseries who offer native bushes, prices, size, etc. **Shelley made a motion to spend the remaining $582 in the Roberta Wilkins Trust Fund for native plants for Carleton Pond, Andrew 2nd, motion passed.** Joanne will order bushes for Carleton Pond.
* **Town Meeting:** Adrienne will make some copies of hiking booklet to distribute at town meeting. Andrew will re-size so Joanne can put back up on our website.

8:20PM **Old Business:**

* Spring Trail Cleaning: Amherst Land Trust agreed to trail re-route.
	+ **Wah Lum-** Barry Salussolia and David Brooks flagged new route & will continue to work on it. MVCC will view the route on Saturday, Joanne will email the time to everyone.
	+ **Havinga Woods**: Joanne will check conditions of trail.
	+ **Horton Pond:** Sign discussion next month.
	+ **Archibald:** Shelley will contact Meridian for quote on survey.
* **Roger Pinchard Conservation Land**
	+ Parking, kiosk, trail-To be scheduled in Fall.
* **Stake Sign and Kiosk hole areas for DPW**
	+ **Signs: Herlihy Swamp, Hebert Forest, Kiosk Horton Pond** Peter will check all stakes. Adrienne stated Ben hopes to have completed holes by end of March.
	+ **Scheduled April 14th for MVCC to install signs & kiosk**
* **Purgatory Falls, Fallen Tree across Bean Pot:** Andrew reported he checked out situation with tree across the Bean Pot. It poses a public safety issue if someone tries to cross it, they could fall into the Falls. The tree is in a precarious position, but Andrew states if we can access the area with an ATV, and using a winch perhaps the tree could be pulled out. Otherwise, it could be cut and dropped into the Falls but this could be difficult and dangerous. Andrew volunteered to remove fallen trees on Upton Road blocking the Falls to allow access to the Bean Pot. Shelley stated the fire station might have access to ATV. Joanne stated Jay Wilson, Fire Chief should weigh in on this situation too. Adrienne will contact Jay.

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

* Next meeting monthly meeting scheduled **April 10, 2024**

9:05PM **Meeting Adjourned,** Peter motioned, Shelley 2nd, passed.

Respectfully submitted by,

Joanne Draghetti, Secretary, Mont Vernon Conservation Commission