

Meeting Minutes

Mont Vernon Conservation Commission

Meeting Date: January 9, 2019

Meeting brought to order: 7:30 pm @ MV Town Hall Office

Present: Joanne Draghetti, Jay Wilson, MaryJean MacGillivray, Shelley Brooks, Adrienne Penkacik, Jeff Johnson, Judy Brophy, Garth Whitty (seated)

7:30-7:45 December meeting minutes reviewed. Adrienne made a motion to accept minutes, Joanne seconded, passed unanimously.

Correspondence: Received a request from Zach G. for clarification re. NH Stonewall Regulations. Joanne responded.

7-45-8:15: Jay reported on the current status of Carleton Pond and details regarding the recent

flood remediation that has been completed to date. Jay further stated that there is additional work scheduled to complete the drainage project. The CC discussed the proposed lighting for the pond and the desire to have lighting that is environmentally acceptable and also that is on a timer so that there is lighting during the evening hours but will automatically turn off at a designated time. Jay concurred that there should be proper lighting and the lighting would be on a timer. Jeff questioned if there would be a separate electric meter for the aerator. Jay said that the aerator would be on a timer that could be adjusted to reflect the condition of the pond to best service the pond's health. The exact timing schedule would be determined as pond evolves. Jay said that there may be some assistance from PSNH for this environmental project. Joanne thanked Jay for all the time and energy he has donated thus far to this project. The CC concurred.

Wetland Protection Update: Bill McKinney, Planning Board Chair, responded to Conservation Commission's ordinance proposal for updating the *MV Wetlands Ordinances* and concurred with this updated Wetlands Protection Ordinance Joanne submitted. In addition, he did suggest that we consider a couple of changes/additions that he felt should be included in this new legislation. Joanne reviewed these updates with the CC and it was agreed that we would update as per this additional input from the Planning Board. *The CC will meet with the Planning Board on January 29th to review and finalize the proposed Wetlands Ordinance.*

New Business:

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2019 To Do List

Purgatory Trails

Shelley brought to our attention that there has been some confusion by hikers regarding the trail markings on the *upper* Purgatory Falls Trails. The CC agreed we would do some remarking of these trails early spring. In addition, Joanne told the CC that there is a broken bridge on the *upper* Purgatory Brook that is out of commission and needs repairing. It was agreed that this is a project that will need to be reviewed *on site due to the engineering and material requirements that will be needed to complete this repair*. The CC will review this project as soon as it is fiesable.

Shelley also brought to our attention some trail issues/violations further down on the Purgatory Brook that need could be investigated/addressed. She will update the CC when she has further info.

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To Do List Continued:

Hebert Town Forest has a Kiosk that has fallen over and needs to be righted. Due to the large size of this Kiosk we may need to bring in some DPW equipment to help right the Kiosk as well as some volunteers that will be needed to complete this project.

Horton Pond Signage: The signage at Horton Pond needs to be evaluated. Jeff Johnson will check out to see if the sign is worthy of repair or should be replaced. Jeff also suggested that the road leading into the pond is pretty rough and possibly DPW could help with smoothing it out.

Herlihy Swamp Signage: Jeff will also check out Herlihy Sign to evaluate its condition.

Dow Road/Cheever Lane Entrance: Joanne reminded the CC that the Cheever Lane entrance to the Purgatory Brook trails needs some signage.

Respectfully Submitted,

MaryJean MacGillivary, Secretary

Next CC Meeting February 13, 2019