

Meeting Minutes

Mont Vernon Conservation Commission January 8, 2020

7:30 Meeting Called to Order

Present: Jay Wilton, Joanne Draghetti, Garth Witty, Judy Brophy, Adrienne Penkacik, Shelley Brooks, Peter Tedder, Aneliya Sakaeva, MaryJean MacGillivray, Alternates seated.

7:32 Previous months minutes Jay made a motion to approve; Peter seconded.

Minutes approved and accepted

Correspondence: Kat McGee one of our State Representatives contacted the CC to see if we would be able to put a Climate Related Warrant Article on the docket for 2020 Town Meeting.

Site Walk with Library Overview Discussion: Jay questioned the issue of drainage from Library and New Road to the Pond. Peter said that their maps did not include that data. Their plans did not cover the potential issue of the drainage from wetland runoff which could potentially cause flooding and would affect the pond. Jay's concern focused on the huge alteration of terrain that is planned. Peter discussed the AOT or *alteration of terrain* that is not provided. Jay also mentioned that there is a seasonal brook that is formed in the spring on the Library Property and has significant run off.

Joanne has put together a letter stating our concerns regarding the run off from the Library Property onto the CC land/ Carleton Pond Property. Peter will write up a more technical explanation of our concerns regarding potential flooding from Library and Road Construction. *Spencer Tate is wetland scientist and septic engineer and he suggested that the CC should address these wetland concerns with Shawn Malone who is more qualified to address them.* Joanne asked Peter if he could put his concerns in writing so that Joanne would be able to include in her report. Peter is concerned that if there is a large storm event all the drainage will flow into the pond unless there are some alterations to property to deflect this drainage away from pond. Joanne suggested that Peter put some of our suggestions in writing. Joanne will email to *Cindy Raspiller who will send Peter's concerns to Shawn Malone.* Joanne will also include Selectmen in all correspondence with DES & Library Trustees.

The CC has *asked DES to hold off with application permit for 40 days until they hear from us with the current technical information we are providing. There is currently no road profile.*

The CC will include the following concerns in regard to the Library's Wetland Permit Application:

1. Water Quality
2. Concern with potential flooding
3. Attachment A#4, 11, 16
4. Road should be No Salt Road due to contamination of pond
5. Fertilizers should be reduced and avoided near wetlands of Carleton Park & Pond

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We will attach this meeting's minutes with our concerns to DES to the permit request.

Judy asked is there any oversight enforcement to projects like this project which includes the Library construction and Road Construction. Jay said the town does not.

Jay suggested that we include all our concerns in our cover letter to DES.

Peter said that the State of NH is cutting back on the amount of salt due to damage from the salt to the environment. Jay is concerned that there is no elevation comparison.

New Business: Illegal ATV Riding on conservation land off of Dow road reported. Joanne has seen evidence of ATV riding through out Wah Lum Conservation Property access from Dow Road and

reported to the MV Police Department. An Officer responded and is investigating the matter.

Old Business: Beech Hill Subdivision

Subdivision scheduled for Planning Board Hearing on Jan 14th, and ZBA hearing on Jan 21st.

Carleton Pond Update: Jay shared that the poles for the lighting at Carleton Pond are scheduled to be put in and DPW said they will build the kiosk this winter. Jeff shared that the Aerator has been purchased and will be put into the pond in the spring.

Winter Activities and Events: Discussion ensued regarding various lectures the CC might want to sponsor for the public this winter such as having a speaker talk about issues facing pollinators (bees, butterflies, etc) or from Fish & Game to discuss issues with coyotes, bears, etc. Adrienne will contact someone she knows who is a bee keeper and has presented on bees & pollinators to see if they would be available.

Jay made a motion to adjourn, Peter seconded...all in favor.

Respectfully submitted:

MaryJean MacGillivray, Secretary

Next CC Meeting: February 12, 2020