

Meeting Minutes

MONT VERNON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

July 11, 2018

Present: Jay Wilson, Joanne Draghetti, Garth Witty (seated), Shelley Brooks, Jeff Johnson, MaryJean MacGillivray

Meeting Brought to Order: 7:30 PM

Review June Minutes: Minutes Read and accepted. Jay made a motion to accept June Minutes as submitted; Garth seconded. Motion Passed

Correspondence: Ethan Blair info forwarded to all members re: workshop on pollinator habitat.....Donna Rooks would like to reserve Lamson Farm to celebrate her son Andrew Pieper achieving Eagle Scout rank, Joanne referred her to Lamson Farm Commission.

Old Business: Carleton Pond Update: MaryJean updated the CC with the status of Carleton Pond plantings which are doing well despite the drought. We still have an issue with black swallow wart and poison ivy along the road side of the pond which we will need to address. The grass had just been mowed, and the pond looked good. MJ is now addressing a plan for the late summer/fall planting schedule. She has contacted Ryan Foster, Agriculture Consultant, to set up a date to discuss the next planting agenda which will include a planting schedule of appropriate plants and trees in the Carleton Pond beautification. *Jay made a motion to expend up to \$2500 for the Fall Tree and other planting at Carleton Pond under the Wilkins Trust for said purpose. Garth Seconded, Motion Passed.*

Treatment of Black Swallow Wart & Poison Ivy at Carleton Pond and other Town Owned Properties.

MaryJean contacted Lee Gilman about spraying the invasives at Carleton Pond. He suggested we get a town wide permit for this spraying. A town wide permit would include any other town departments; i.e. DPW, Other town departments that needed to do some invasive spraying would have the permit in place. Lee said that Amherst is doing it this way and it has worked out very well. Once the permit form is submitted to the state, it can be renewed each year and does not have to be re-submitted which is a big plus. Lee said he would fill out the initial permit for us if we choose to go that route at a cost of \$200. He does not want to do any spraying without a State Permit. *Shelley made a motion to expend the \$200 for Lee to fill out the State Town Wide Spraying Permit. Jay seconded, All in favor. Motion Passed. Mary Jean will contact Lee regarding the permit.*

Carleton Pond Rules Signs: Jay told us that the new rules signs are ready and DPW will post at the pond. There are two signs and they will be posted at either end of the pond along the road.

Jeff suggested that the "Old Carleton Pond Wooden Sign" could be restored and volunteered to refurbish it. His offer was met with much enthusiasm. Joanne then asked Jeff if he could possibly refurbish the Herlihey sign as well. Jeff will check it out and get back to us.

8:15 Wetland Protection Update: Prior to this meeting Joanne emailed the MVCC the information she received from FB Consultants who have been engaged by the MVCC to evaluate the wetlands in Mont Vernon. The information identified all wetland areas in Mont Vernon. Due to the scope of this project, the MVCC decided to start by having a work session meeting to discuss all the aspects of the FB Report and how we plan to incorporate this information into our town plan. Joanne further suggested that we should set a goal to complete our evaluation so that there will be time for the Selectmen and Planning Board to review before the end of the year. In the meantime we will all need to read and digest the info received from FB Consultants. Sunday morning, July 29th was discussed as a possible time to meet and review how this project will proceed. Garth's

question at this juncture for FB Consultants is: why are the outlets and inputs to the ponds/wetlands they identified on the map not included? Joanne will bring that concern back to FB Consultants. Joanne also suggested that the DES Website maybe a helpful resource to help us identify where there is going to be low impact development. Read, Review, Discuss - 1st meeting July 29th at Fire House.

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8:50 New Business: Timber Harvest -Cemetery, Library & Carleton Pond Properties

Lou Springer sent an email to let the CC know that there is going to be a meeting to discuss the Library/Cemetery/Carleton Pond abutting properties on July 29th. The Cemetery Trustees are planning to have a timber harvest that could impact the abutting properties. Jay would like to ask the Cemetery Trustees to remove the fallen timber that abuts the Pond. Joanne suggested that CC money should not be used for the removal of these trees. The CC agreed. We also do not need or want to pay to have a forest management plan for Carleton Pond. Garth made a motion: If Lou wants to include CP at no cost to CC in his forest management plan that is fine, but the CC will not pay for any portion of this plan. Jay seconded. All in agreement. Jay also added that this will be a massive cut. Joanne will send an email to Lou updating him with our decision.

Lee Gilman to evaluate CC Properties for Invasives: Joanne will call Lee Gilman to set a date for him to walk the properties for invasive species to evaluate what is needed.

Deed Correction and Cost for Archibald Property – Shelley Brooks last estimate was approximately \$500. She has asked Laurie Brown for confirmation.

NRPC Map – Shelley Brooks

Joanne opened up the new NRPC map on her computer to review. A discussion ensued regarding the color designations that were currently used. There was also discussion about how some of the properties are color classified and suggestions for revising. Shelley will get back to the NRPC to make the changes.

9:20 Jay made a motion to adjourn, Shelley seconded and all in favor

Next Meeting August 8th at 7:30 Town Hall

Respectfully Submitted,

MaryJean MacGillivray, Secretary