

Meeting Minutes: Mont Vernon Conservation Commission
Meeting Date: June 11, 2020

Meeting brought to order: 7:34 via Zoom

Present on Zoom: Mary Jean MacGillvary, Joanne Draghetti, Shelley Brooks, Peter Tedder, Jeff Johnson, Judy Brophy, Aneliya Sakaeva, Jay Wilson. All members were seated by Joanne at the start of the meeting.

Old Business:

Jay made a motion to accept the minutes as written and Shelley seconded the motion. The motion was accepted unanimously and passed.

Presentation and motions to pay bills: Joanne presented a bill of \$51.10 for a variety of conservation signs. Peter made a motion to spend \$51.10 to pay for the signs and Aneliya seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Correspondence: NH Association of Conservation Commissions wants an update of members. This will be aggregated by Joanne and sent to them.
The town library sent a notice about a site tour for the new library location. The details of the site walk will be discussed later.

New Business:

Vote of Officers and member's duties:

Joanne: chairperson and wetland ordinance coordinator
Jay: vice-chairperson, budget coordinator
Adrienne: secretary
Mary Jean: Carleton Pond plantings
Shelley: invasive plant control
Peter: wetland permits and violations, library contact
Aneliya: Trails and facebook
Judy: Library rep and fill in as Secretary, if Adrienne is absent

Jay made a motion to accept the above list of officers and positions, Aneliya seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Old Business:

Jay updated the MVCC on Carleton Pond. Lou Springer will be working on the fence. The power access is now complete. The planned culvert will require an inspection for ledge and how to manage that.

Joanne reviewed the Carleton Pond finances.

The Carleton pond unrestricted fund has \$554.27

Trustees of the Trust Fund: Wipple: \$ 4,500.01 which expires April 18 2021, Wilkins: \$5,014.29 to be used only on plantings and labor.

Operating Budget line item:\$2,000 which could be used for maintenance & removal of dead trees.

Jay made a motion to spend up to and not to exceed \$500 for the necessary piping and supplies needed to install the aerator. Mary Jean seconded, all in favor, motion passed.

Mary Jean discussed talking to two landscaping agents at Carleton Pond. One gave a quote of \$3,800 for two trees and some rhododendrons. A discussion was had on maintenance and watering of the new plants. Jay will get an estimate on a water pump for watering the new plants. He will also ask Todd Wilkins to give a quote on landscaping.

Planting is planned in the fall to avoid the summer heat.

Peter reported on the library site walk. The library said there had been changes to the building and landscaping plan to address the MVCCs and DES concerns though no printed plan was presented. There was a discussion on the length of the road leading to the library or if it would continue to the cemetery. The bridge to the pond was cancelled at this time. The MVCC requests a copy of the plan.

Shelley has a budget of \$1,600 for invasive control. \$200 will be used for the required yearly permit. Lee Gillman will be contacted this weekend for the summer/fall treatment.

New Business:

There was a request for a wetland permit on Brook Road to repair an existing culvert. The damage should be minimal and recover quickly.

Joanne described an ATV violation on conservation land behind the Dow property. The easement allows only passive recreation. The police did investigate and have a Mont Vernon resident is a person of interest in the case and charges will be pressed. Joanne also made a complaint to the state Wetlands Bureau for a wetland violation but they indicated they are short staffed and lack enforcement even though there is an RSA to address these cases. The case has been assigned for review but no response has been received as of yet. Barry, Joanne, Aneliya, Shelley and David marked some boundaries on the property and worked on some of the damaged property. There has already been a reminder on ATV rules and restrictions placed on the town Facebook page for town residents.

Jeff will check on the cameras this weekend.

Joanne has given Ben Crosby information on Beaver Deceivers. This would be for work on Beech Hill Road which has a culvert that has needed frequent cleaning. A motion was made by Shelley and seconded by Jeff to spend up to \$200 to supply materials for the Beaver Deceiver to the DPW. The motion was passed unanimously. Jay also stated that in the future the DPW can apply for funds from Fish and Game.

Joanne will send information on a Boy Scout who needs a project such as replacing the kiosk for the Hebert Lot to Shelley

New members:

Aneliya accepted a 3-year position as a full member on MVCC pending the select board approval. Karen Drum accepted a 3-year position as a full member on MVCC pending the select board approval. Rachel D Andrea accepted a position as an alternate on the MVCC pending the select board approval

A motion was made by Jay and seconded by Peter to accept and forward these names to the select board. The motion passed unanimously.

Shelley discussed several town residents, including Tom Wale, wanting to put in a trail on the Herihly swamp property. Shelley and Aneliya can be the contact persons for this.

Shelley also described work placing blazes and making a loop trail on the Hebert Town Forest.

Jeff reported that the Havinga kiosk plexiglass has been broken and he will look into fixing it.

Adjournment: Jay made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 pm which was seconded by Jeff. Motion passed unanimously.

Submitted by,
Shelley Brooks