

Meeting Minutes

Mont Vernon Conservation Commission

Meeting Date: May 9, 2018

Meeting brought to order: 7:30 PM @ MV Town Hall

Present: Joanne Draghetti, Jay Wilson, MaryJean MacGillivray, Judy Brophy, Shelley Brooks, Arthur Rounds, (Jeff Johnson & Garth Witty seated)

7:35 Review April Minutes: April minutes reviewed. MaryJean made a motion to accept; Arthur seconded. Minutes accepted.

Presentation and Motion to Pay Bills: Joanne would like to purchase additional trail markers as we will be needing additional markers for the Hebert Lot as well as replacing markers on other town owned conservation properties that are in need of updating. Arthur suggested that we might want to consider color coding trail markers for individual properties. Discussion followed regarding color coordinating markers. Joanne felt that as a cost issue we would be better to continue to use the color patterns we have established as we still have some inventory. Shelley also will check her inventory and update Joanne before she places the order. Jay made a motion for Joanne to purchase additional trail markers up to \$200; Shelley seconded. Seven votes yes, one vote no, motion passed.

Joanne purchased posts and bright tape to be used to rope off the newly seeded grass areas at the Pond at the cost of \$10. Jay made a motion to reimburse Joanne \$10 the wooden stakes, Jeff seconded, motion passed. Jay made a motion to pay NHACC dues, Garth seconded, all in favor, motion passed.

Old Business: Carleton Pond Update—Jay did an overview of the progress thus far on the engineering work at the pond. At this time the fill and loam have been spread; hydro seeding is being done this week, and a buffer berm has been put in place on right side to hold back the abutting swamp from entering the pond. Jay also discussed using a wooden gate as opposed to metal gate on the right entrance. We could use pressure treated posts and wooden gate material. Having a gate here is necessary as it would keep out “traffic” but would allow access for fire apparatus to the hydrant. The crushed asphalt walkway has been done and will continue to be compacted with time. Jay made a motion that the Conservation Commission to vote to expend 10K from the pond budget to pay for the work that Steve Trombley just completed at the pond. Shelley seconded and all agreed.

Jay suggested that we need to have **new signage** at the pond to reflect the updated Usability Standards as follows:

Park Open Dawn to Dusk (ice skating exception; No Swimming Allowed; Fishing for Under 16 years of age only; No Pumping of Water from Pond; Please Respect Town Property

Joanne asked Arthur if he would like to make this new pond sign as he had done an excellent job on the current sign. Arthur agreed to make this new sign. He felt the cost would be approximately \$125. Jay made a motion to expend \$125 to Arthur for this sign; Shelley seconded. Motion Passed.

Pond Landscaping Update: MaryJean reviewed some of the options we had in ordering plants from NRCS. These plants are bare root plants and are purchased at a reduced cost. At the time we ordered, there wasn't a lot of availability. We were however able to order (10-elderberry and 5-ninebark). Next year, if we still need additional plants, we will order in February to have more variety. Because these are bare root plants MJ suggested that we need to plant relatively soon. A planting and roping off newly seeded areas was planned for Friday the 11th. MJ, Joanne & Jay will attend.

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MJ and Ryan Foster, Edible Landscaping & Design, will meet with the Trustees of the Trust Funds on April 17th at 7:30 PM. to present plan for the Pond and request \$5,000 donated by Roberta Wilkins for landscaping.

Review Correspondence:

Eileen Naber had questions regarding parking spaces at Carleton Pond. Jay responded

Wetland Protection Update: Joanne has received a response from FB Consultants to MVCC questions regarding their work on updating our Wetland Ordinances. Joanne also recommended CC members review a draft on Best Management Practices for Wetlands from the NH DES. Joanne has also submitted a copy to the MV Planning Board for them to review. At some point CC will need to meet with the PB to review any new changes on the Wetlands Ordinance.

DES Correspondence Regarding Peter Hinkley, 7 Walter Hill Road- regarding Wetlands Minimum Impact Trails Protection Work Rules and Regulations for Tax Map 128-9 Mr. Hinkley has 10 acres.

Archibald Kiosk Update: Kiosk installed at Archibald Property. Larry Yetter constructed the Kiosk and delivered to Archibald where he was met by Barry Salussolia and Al MacGillivray for help

with installation. Joanne made a laminated map of the Archibald property for the Kiosk. Shelley suggested that because this property has not been surveyed since it was divided from the larger Archibald piece we may want to think about having it surveyed. Joanne thought that was a good suggestion for 2019 budget. Joanne presented a bill for payment of \$7.94 for laminating. Shelley made a motion to refund Joanne, MaryJean seconded. All in agreement.

Deed and Conservation Easement Books – Shelley Brooks

Shelley has completed the huge undertaking of matching town owned properties with their deeds. This project has taken well over a year to complete, and her work is very much appreciated. (Shelley found the deed for the Archibald Property (64 acres) *Shelley has also notified NRPC with this information so they can update their maps.*

Shelley has organized a walk with a forester of the Archibald Property and Hebert Property for May 25th meeting at 8:30AM and invited all to attend.

Fishing Derby on June 2nd- Joanne asked if any members planned to attend. At this point it is still unknown.

Spring Gala May 19th – Shelley is planning to have info display regarding the Emerald Ash Borer

Planning Board Update:

Michelle sent email regarding open space *subdivision checklist* and still pressing PB to have public access in the regulations it appears that she has been successful.

The other issue that could have consequences for the CC is the change in the time frame for the CC to respond to Planning Board's Interdepartmental Review for large subdivisions and commercial projects. The 45 days to respond is being changed to 30 days. Because the CC meets once a month this 30 day timing could potentially take away *any response from the CC* due to meeting timing. Joanne is going to respond to the PB that 30 days is not enough time for the CC and we need 45 day timetable.

9:20 Arthur Motion to Adjourn, Judy seconded all in favor.

Respectfully submitted, MaryJean MacGillivray

Next Meeting June 13, 2018