

## Meeting Minutes

### Mont Vernon Conservation Commission

**Meeting Date: January 10, 2018**

**Present: Joanne Draghetti, Shelley Brooks, MaryJean MacGillivray**

**Jay Wilson arrived 8:30 PM, Michelle Riesselman, Judy Brophy, Arthur Rounds**

**(All alternates seated)**

**Joanne Draghetti called the meeting to order @ 7:35 PM, MV Town Hall**

**Review December Minutes:** Michelle questioned verbiage regarding the correspondence from the Stoddard CC. It was reviewed and corrected. Michelle made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected. Arthur seconded, Motion passed.

**7:45 Old Business:** Joanne was able to connect with the Winter Wanders Snowmobile club and they reviewed the requirements for their snowmobile usage on Wah Lum for 2018. The WW would like to continue usage of Wah Lum and agree to the regulations required by the MVCC to do so. For our new CC members Joanne gave an overview of the history of the snowmobile usage. At that point Shelley alerted the CC to the fact that she had recently encountered snowmobilers on the Wah Lum property that were not adhering to the snowmobile usage rules. She did not know if they were local or from out of town. Joanne will email the WW Club with this information in hopes that they will follow up on this

infraction of the Usage Rules. MaryJean made a motion to renew the agreement with the Winter Wander's Club for 2018. Shelley seconded. Motion passed to allow WWC Wah Lum Snowmobile usage per the rules and regulations previously agreed.

#### **8:00 Hebert Lot Trail Map Update-- Arthur Rounds**

Arthur has been walking the property with the intention of determining and formulating a usage plan

for this property. He has categorized the trails into three (3) types. Arthur described one of the trails as being easy to walk and would be appropriate for a family with small children. He also suggested that we could possibly move one of our picnic tables that is currently in another location to the end of this trail for possible picnics. The other trails are more heavily wooded and would require some bushwhacking to open up. These trails would provide the user more of a nature walk. Joanne mentioned that we have 150 acres at the Hebert Forest and our goal is to make this area more useable. Arthur suggested that color coding trails with different colors that coordinate with a trail map. Joanne agreed that there is work to be done to make these trails more user friendly. We will also need to install our Usage Rules Sign. Arthur has the rule signs in inventory, but does not have any poles. We will need to order the poles. Joanne suggested that April might be a good time for the MVCC to walk the Hebert trails and install the rules sign and perform other trail maintenance. Arthur's trails are currently marked with GPS and he will use this information to continue to work on developing a trail map. Once we have the trails up and running, we will put the map info on the MV Facebook page. Joanne thanked Arthur for all his work on this on-going project. Michelle brought up the possibility of putting our trail systems on line.

**8:25 Planning Board Report** – Annette Immorlica – There are no subdivision issues before the PB at this time. PB is currently working on the ordinances and specifically driveway ordinance. It is a PB ongoing project.

**8:26 Carleton Pond Project Update & Review** – The initial phase of the CPP has been completed. Going forward, the CC will need to determine what the priorities for the next phases of this project will be.

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Because the remaining work to be done on this project will involve completing grating in parking area; loom grating; non-commercial fencing as needed; the building of the handicap walkway; landscaping options and costs and setting priorities for each phase, etc. Moving forward the CC will consult with professionals in the field to help us make the decisions necessary to complete this project. We do know that the handicap walkway is the cornerstone of this project and we want to be well advised before we move forward. Shelley said that the government has specs on the web and she will look into what the required specs are to construct a handicapped access walkway. We may have to do the walkway in phases due to cost.

**8:45 New Business:** Water Protection: Request for Wetlands Expedited Variance on Purgatory Road-2800 sq. feet impacted on wetlands received from Energy Vision Homes LLC. The wetlands variance application needs to be addressed immediately as it is time sensitive. ***Jay made a motion** that the CC let him know that we will not sign the expedited variance, and would like to meet with him at our meeting in February to discuss the standard review process. In addition, the CC would like to schedule an on-site review before our February meeting if possible, and ask that he bring his drainage calculations for this construction, and any photos that he might have of the landscape to the February CC Meeting. Michelle seconded the motion, and all in agreement.*

**Water Protection:** The Planning Board has scheduled consultants for a preliminary discussion regarding *Strengthening Ordinances for ground water and wetland protection*. The PB Meeting is **scheduled for 1/23/18 @ 7 PM**. The CC is encouraged to attend.

**Move MVCC March Meeting due to Town Meeting conflict:** MaryJean made a motion to move the March CC Meeting to Wednesday the 7<sup>th</sup> of March, Judy seconded....motion passed.

**9: 10 Need to fill CC permanent member vacancy:** Joanne explained that we need to fill the permanent CC Member vacancy and encouraged the alternate members in attendance to step up to permanent status. Michelle Risselman and Arthur Rounds volunteered. Shelley made a motion to accept Michelle and Arthur's status change. Judy seconded...all agreed. Motion passed.

**9:15 Meeting Adjourned**

Respectfully Submitted,

MaryJean MacGillivray

Next Meeting February 14, 2018 @ 7:30 PM