

Meeting Minutes

Mont Vernon Conservation Commission

Meeting Date: May 8, 2019

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

Present: Joanne Draghetti, Jay Wilson, MaryJean MacGillivray, Judy Brophy, Shelley Brooks, Jeff Johnson, Peter Tedder (seated)

7:35 Review April Minutes: April minutes reviewed. Jay Wilson made a motion to accept; Shelley Brooks seconded. Minutes accepted.

Presentation and Motion to Pay Bills: Shelley presented Bill for 3 thumb drives, and hanging file folders in the amount of \$59.75. Shelley will be organizing the CC files. She has already scanned all the deeds to all our properties and has put on thumb drives. Joanne suggested putting the thumb drives in a manila folder. MaryJean made a motion to reimburse Shelley; Judy seconded. Motion to reimburse passed.

Correspondence: E-Mail Souhegan Sustainability Fair taking place on May 4 sponsored by the Wilton CC; Hillsborough County Conservation District: E-Mail 72nd Annual Meeting, May 29th

Notice of Planning Board Meeting May 14th – Regarding the Kim and Steve Roberge Subdivision *intent to build*. Because the CC is an abutter to this property Jay suggested that the CC should have a presence at this meeting. Jay is planning to attend and asked if any other CC Members could attend.

MaryJean said she would plan to attend. (7 PM, Tuesday, May 14)

Old Business: Shelley's review of the New Updated NRDC Map

The new NRDC map was reviewed by the CC and questions asked about some of the changes.

The CC would like to mount new map on the Meeting Room Wall in the Town Hall as an informational tool for others in town. Jay will ask if the Town Hall is planning to put us some type of cork board to eliminate putting holes in the new wall. Shelley said that we might be able to obtain a more heavy duty map from NRDC that would work better for mounting. It was also suggested to help preserve the map we could laminate prior to mounting. Joanne suggested that the CC review the map again to see if there are any areas that might need to be updated before we print a final map.

Jay made a final request *to add to the map* that there should be a **No Public Access notation** at the NB Tracking Station. *The CC recognized Shelley for all the work she had done to update this map!*

Carleton Pond Update: Joanne & Jay

The Trustees are going to release \$6,000 to the CC for the Carleton Pond Project. (This money will be available for two years.) Joanne met with the Selectmen to update them on this cash update. DPW offered to build and install a Kiosk at the pond. CC needs to designate where to place the kiosk and the size of the kiosk. The DPW would like to include a “memorial plaque” in the kiosk to recognize Perry Cloutier as the original founder of the annual Fishing Derby. Jay, Joanne & MJ will review the placement and size of this kiosk Thursday morning and get back to DPW with that information. The DPW also asked if they could install a coin operated “fish food”

dispenser for the children. The money collected would go back into the Fishing Derby account. They will contact Fish & Game to make sure the food is appropriate for the pond. The DPW can get started on the kiosk as soon as we give them the kiosk size and placement information. **Jay made a motion** to have the DPW build the kiosk; **the size and placement to be determined by the CC**. The CC also will allow DPW to include a plaque in the kiosk in memory of Perry Cloutier, the founder of the Fishing Derby. *Jeff seconded*, all in agreement.

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Jay made a motion to allow the DPW to install a coin operated **fish food feeding station** at the pond if it is sanctioned by Fish & Game; **to be addressed and evaluated on a yearly basis. Location of feeding station to be determined by CC**. *Shelley seconded*, all in agreement.

Jeff hasn't done any grass seeding at the pond due to environmental conditions and current construction work, but hopes to start seeding in some areas next week. Jeff wants to work on the Carleton Pond to "brighten it up".

Carleton Pond – Current Work & Expenses: Steve Trombley and Bill Davidson suggested that due to the amount of water that is entering the pond area a larger/longer pipe and gravel culvert is suggested to handle the flow and overflow of water. The concern is that due to the excess of water that can

flow into the pond area a smaller culvert will get clogged up sooner. It is recommended that we add to the length of the culvert piping which will require additional stone in order to handle these large flows of water. We need more material and piping to complete the culvert. The CC will get estimates on these additional costs. The CC will have to look at current options to fund this additional work and material. We discussed the possibility of reprioritizing monies from some of the other parts of this project to get this early phase completed. New estimate of \$6500 by Steve Trombley will need to be discussed further, and we need time to reevaluate and a timeline for some of the other facets of this project. Jay will discuss with DPW to see if they can offer any help and or suggestions. The CC is

hoping that we will be able to do some tree planting in the fall. Lighting for the pond was discussed

and placing of lighting. Depending on what PSNH does we may be able to do just one light. Shelley suggested that there is talk about replacing the public lighting in town with LED lighting which may be

something that we could "piggy back" on, if approved, to get a price reduction for lighting at the pond. We will wait to see if this is approved.

Going Forward: *Jay will discuss with Steve Trombley the DPW and Eversource to see if we can find any cost cutting solutions that will allow us to proceed with the current work and materials costs in the planned timeline for this Spring.*

Conservation Easement Monitoring Work Session: Session is currently planned for Friday May 10th at the home of Peter Tedder weather permitting. Shelley will send link to Easement Monitoring for

CC to review. Shelley explained some of the requirements. Jay suggested creating a checklist of items required to complete the monitoring which could help simplify the process.

Trail Marking at Hebert Town Forest- Arthur has done a trail map. Shelley will check out the trails. Joanne suggested doing GPS at the Archibald. *A discussion for Fall work.*

Invasive Species Management: MaryJean will get back to Lee Gilman with map demonstrating *Required Spraying Areas* to allow him to proceed with the permitting.

Bridge down, Purgatory Brook: Joanne has spoken with Lyndeborough CC and they are interested

in replacing the broken bridge and is looking at us for suggestions on how to go about replacing.

It was suggested that we invite LCC to one of our meetings.

Invasive Spraying Permit- MJ -Lee Gilman needs a map that **designates the properties being sprayed.** *MJ will get map to him.* After the CC walks the designated properties with the CC

We will need to get him a recap of the discussed spraying and ask for an estimate of the cost.

We have to keep to what is available to us in the 2019 budget. Walk could be done in August.

Wetland Ordinances Update: Planning Board Mtg. June 11th @ 7 PM

Spring Gala: May 18, 2019: Jay suggested the CC could have an informational table on invasives, etc.

Respectfully Submitted, MaryJean MacGillivray, Secretary

Next Meeting: June12, 2019