

Meeting Minutes

Mont Vernon Conservation Commission

Meeting Date: June 8, 2016

Meeting brought to order: 7:34 PM @ MV Town Hall

Present: Larry Yetter, MaryJean MacGillivray, Earle Rich, Shelley Brooks, (Garth Witty and Tom Wahle seated)

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Review May Minutes - May minutes reviewed. Corrections noted. Shelley made a motion to accept minutes as amended. Earle seconded amended minutes. All present approved the amended minutes.

7:45 Presentation and Motions to Pay Bills: *Earle made a motion* to reimburse Larry \$24.94 for Tyvek Suit and gloves that was purchased to protect him from poison ivy exposure during the pulling and the disposal of the poison ivy that was a problem at the stream crossing at Havigna woods. *Tom seconded*, all approved Larry getting reimbursed.

7:46 Review any correspondence: *Great Bay Discovery Center* sent us a brochure regarding their guide for invasive plant management. Shelley said that they do a lot of educational programs and she would be willing to review the info that they sent and get back to us with their info.

8:00 Old Business:

Eagle Scout Project on Havinga Woods Trails Progress Report- Andrew Piper contacted Larry to let him know that there was a lot of poison ivy on a portion of the trail at the stream that needed to be addressed before he could continue his work on the trail. Larry contacted DPW and they thought he should spray the poison ivy. Larry then contacted Lee Gilman for his opinion, and Lee did not advise him to spray. Lee could spray but would need a special permit that would take 30 days to acquire. Lee also said that it could be pulled out. Larry took that option and pulled out all the poison ivy so the Eagle Scout Project could go forward. Garth noted that there is a company in Lyndeborough that does poison ivy removal. Garth is going to get their contact info for possible future contact for the MVCC..

UNH Sign Project – Larry received all the electronic files and all the information needed for the Wah Lum signage project from Mila. Larry then sent this information on to the sign vendor at the prison, and is waiting to hear back when he has the signs ready. Earle volunteered to get the poles for the signs when they are ready.

Spring Gala Booth – The MVCC raised \$184 for the Carleton Pond Restoration Project at the Spring Gala. Many thanks to Bonnie Angulas for getting the booth ready to roll. Larry and MaryJean had a lot of fun manning the booth. The gold fish game was a huge attraction. MaryJean will send a thank you card to Bonnie and Joann Ketchel for all their help in making this project so successful. The CC appreciates all their TLC and creativity.

Rock Barriers for Dow Road Parking – Earle will talk to Lou Springer regarding getting some rocks. Earle believes that Lou has the equipment to move the rocks. Jay has expressed in the past that the Archibald

property may be a resource for the rocks we need for Dow Road and that is an additional avenue we will pursue.

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Horton Road Pond Permit Earle brought permit paperwork that needed to be signed before the work can be started. *Garth made a motion* that we sign the wetlands permit for maintenance dredging of the pond. Town will do dredging. There will be minimal disruption to surrounding areas. *Shelley seconded*, all in favor.

New Business: 2016 Invasive Plant Spraying: Larry spoke to Lee Gilman regarding invasive plant spraying at the dump and town garage. His prior spraying has made a significant dent in the invasives. The additional areas that the CC would like to address would be the trail heads at the Hebert Town Forest, Archibald and Havinga Woods. Shelley volunteered to go with Lee on a Thursday or Friday if that worked into his schedule. Garth expressed concern for non-invasives on trails, specifically poison ivy. Garth said that when we find we should identify for control and we may want to include that in our proposal request from Lee Gilman. Invasive and poison ivy for the proposal. Lee Gilman should be able to have a proposal to us at our July meeting.

Carleton Pond Grant Options: The MV Budget Committee suggested to Larry that the CC should explore grant funding options for the project as they may not be able to approve an additional Warrant Article capital request next year. Shelley mentioned that she heard of a Christopher Reed Handicap Grant that might be applicable as the Carleton Pond Project has included handicap access around the pond. Shelley will try to find some information on this grant.

MVCC Facebook Page: Larry mentioned that he is noticing more interest for our Facebook page. He thought that we could use it as an educational tool by providing websites that offered information on a variety of conservation issues. Larry will put the UNH Extension web page that discusses invasive plants information on our page. Larry asked us to think about additional topics for Facebook.

8:45: Tom made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Earle and all agreed.

Our next meeting will be July 13, 2016

Respectfully Submitted,

MaryJean MacGillivray, Secretary