

## Meeting Minutes

### Mont Vernon Conservation Commission

Meeting Date: September 12, 2018

**Meeting brought to order: 7:35 PM @ MV Town Hall**

**Present: Joanne Draghetti, MaryJean MacGillivray, Judy Brophy, Jeff Johnson**

**Review August Minutes** - August minutes reviewed. Jeff made a motion to accept minutes; Judy seconded. All present agreed. The August minutes were approved.

#### **7:45 Carleton Pond Update:**

**7:46 Review any correspondence:** Received correspondence from Laura Seehagen regarding fish in Carleton Pond and a request for camping on WahLum on Lyndeborough. (Referred to Lyndeborough)  
**Carleton Pond Update:** Shelley Brooks contacted Sarah Steiner from DES regarding fish, (trout) dying at the pond. After being updated regarding all the current dynamics of the pond and the warm water temperature, she thought that it was very likely that the fish, especially trout, were not able to tolerate the warm temperature of the pond. In addition, another factor that may have contributed to this issue is it is a "new" pond and the natural vegetation that would normally be below the surface of a pond has not had time to grow resulting in lack of natural food for the trout. Bill Davidson has also been contacted regarding the condition of the pond and he recommended that we aerate the pond. He said it would help with some of the algae issues and also provide oxygen for the fish. The CC will continue to address the flooding issues on the right side of the pond by adding additional banking material to build up shoulders of the pond on that side. Joanne asked Jeff if he would review some possible aerator options with prices for the CC to Review. We will have to include cost of the aerator in our budget for 2019. Jeff will get back to us with aerator information.

Jay is checking with the CP contractor, Steve Trombly, regarding moving the large dirt pile on the left side of pond from the cornfield and the cost to do so. Jeff suggested that the large "dirt" pile might be acting as a buffer for any runoff coming from the hill and could be spread around along that side. MJ added that now that it is totally covered with grass it isn't as unsightly.

Joanne said that DPW has the new Carleton Pond Signs but have not installed yet. Jeff volunteered to help install the signs and MaryJean volunteered her husband to help as well.

Joanne met with John Quinlan and he said the Library Committee is meeting with an architect and they would like to incorporate Carleton Pond into Library Project.

**Invasive Species Update:** MaryJean informed the CC that Lee Gilman has submitted our permit application for spraying to the State of NH. She will contact him regarding walking the Conservation properties that need invasive spraying. MaryJean will call him to see if he can meet us **Saturday morning 9/15/18 @ 8 AM to walk problem areas on Conservation Properties. We will meet at the MV Fire Station.**

**Wetland Protection Update:** A work session date was set up for Wednesday, September 19, 2018 at 7 PM for the CC to go over the revised draft of the Wetland Ordinances from FB Consultants.

**2.****New Business:**

**2019 Budget Review:** The CC discussed some of our upcoming projects for 2019 and the need to approve for our 2019 budget. Maintaining our conservation land is a big part of our budget and the following areas are priority: Joanne reviewed some of the Line Items for the **2019 Budget** as follows:

**Bills to be paid 2018** Lou Springer mows **North Wah Lum, Dow Road and the Hebert Town Forest Kiosk area** for the Conservation Commission at a cost of approximately \$ 800 per year. Judy made a motion to pay Lou Springer up to \$800 for that mowing; Jeff seconded. All in agreement. Motion passed.

Joanne made a motion to reimburse Fred Reis for his mowing of the View Lot on Route13/Purgatory Road...up to \$200. Jeff seconded. All in agreement. Motion passed.

**Work Days Schedule:**

The Wah Lum entrance on Purgatory Road needs some trail work. **Trail Work Day** set for **Saturday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 9:00 AM** as well as a **brief meeting to discuss Budget items**.

**Lamson Farm Day scheduled for September 29, 2018.** Joanne suggested that we might want to set up a table with information regarding our projects and trails.

9:30 Judy made a motion to adjourn, Jeff seconded all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,  
MaryJean MacGillivray, Secretary