

Meeting Minutes

Mont Vernon Conservation Commission

Meeting Date: November 14, 2018

Meeting brought to order: 7:32 PM @ MV Town Hall

Present: Joanne Draghetti, Jay Wilton, MaryJean MacGillivray, Judy Brophy, Jim Bird, Shelley Brooks

Review October Minutes - Minutes reviewed. MaryJean made a motion to accept October minutes, Judy seconded and minutes approved by all present.

Correspondence: NHCC Annual Meeting (Date expired)

MVPTA: Jessica Hinkley asking for participation of PTA Little Festival of Trees. The PTA will supply the artificial tree and we will be responsible for decorating. The trees will need to be decorated by the participants. The CC discussed and would like to participate. Shelley Brooks volunteered to organize, and all agreed that we would contribute some ornaments and help decorate. The CC would like to keep the decorations natural.

Joanne will get back to Jessica Hinkley and let her know that we will participate and ask her the time.

7:40 Jay Wilson with Carleton Pond Update- Currently due to cooler weather the pond is no longer being contaminated by the swamp water but flooding issues still need to be addressed. At the end of November New England Tree Service will cut the damaged/dead trees on east side. Steve Trombley will create a drain along the right side of the pond and across the driveway to take the overflow from the swamp. Joanne said that the Selectmen stated we need to present a breakdown of costs to the Budget Committee of this work so that it can be included in a warrant article. Jay is going to ask Northeast Tree and Steve Trombley for their estimates for the warrant article. Joanne asked Jay if he could get these estimates for our next meeting on December 12th. Joanne brought up the point that at our October Meeting Garth made a motion *that was accepted* to expend any of the unused money from our 2018 budget to be used for necessary expenditures at Carleton Pond. Jay will have a concrete list of pond expenses for our December 12th Meeting.

Wetland Protection Update: The MVCC hired *FB Environmental Associates* to help us develop a wetland protection ordinance specifically for Mont Vernon. Mont Vernon does not have any large rivers or reservoirs; we basically have small sources of water...wetlands. This plan from FB Consultants was reviewed by the MVCC. At one of the review sessions Jeff Johnson suggested that the MVCC get another expert to review the FB Ordinance as well. The CC agreed. Joanne asked Barbara Richter from the NHACC to review this Wetland Protection Ordinance that we were considering from FB. Barbara is very knowledgeable in the regarding wetlands and the CC felt she would be a good reference. Barbara did review our plan and did say she thought it was a good solid ordinance. However, she did offer a couple of instances where we could firm up the wording to be more specific in our intent. The CC did agree that this clarification of the usage would be a valuable addition to the Wetland Ordinance. We will need to meet with the PB on Tuesday 27th at 7PM to review the Wetland Ordinance. The Planning Board does have the final authority on the language of this wetland ordinance. The CC will update the language as agreed on the

permit prior to meeting with the Planning Board. Joanne will update the changes we agreed upon before we meet with the Planning Board.

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Lou Springer Property Walk: We are required to do an annual site walk required by SPNHF to review this property that SPNHF and the Town holds a conservation easement on this portion of Lou Springer's land. After the site review is completed the CC sends a report to SPNHF noting the condition of the property and the state of compliance with the easement. After monitoring this property the SPNHF form is filled out and sent to SPNHF. The walk is very enjoyable.

New Business: Snow Mobile Usage at Wah Lum. Joanne has sent an email to the Wilton snowmobile club to see if they have an interest in using Wah Lum this winter. Joanne has not heard back at this point.

Wah Lum Reserve: 10th year anniversary. Possibly do a snowshow hike?? **TBD**

Joanne asked Adrienne Penkacik if she would like to be an alternate on the CC. Adrienne said she would. Jay made a motion to accept Adrienne Penkacik as an alternate and MaryJean seconded. All voted in favor. Joanne will contact the Selectmen regarding Adrienne's membership.

Jay made a motion to adjourn, MJ seconded.

Next meeting will be on December 12th and will begin at 7 PM at the Town Hall.

***Respectfully Submitted,
MaryJean MacGillivray***

Next regular meeting: December 12th, 2018