



# CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Meeting Type: \_\_\_\_\_ **Regular Meeting**  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_ **Tuesday, January 22, 2019**  
Time: \_\_\_\_\_ **6:30 p.m.**  
Place: \_\_\_\_\_ **Milton Community Room**  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ **43 Bombardier Road Milton, VT 05468**  
Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ **(802) 893-1186**  
Website: \_\_\_\_\_ **www.miltonvt.gov**

## MEETING MINUTES

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1 **1. CALL TO ORDER**

2 The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.  
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4 **2. ATTENDANCE**

5 **Members Present** : Dan Gaherty, Chair; Judith Kinner, Vice-Chair; Laurie DiCesare, Clerk; Bonnie  
6 Pease

7 **Members Absent** : None

8 **Staff Present** : Victor Sinadinowski, Planning Director

9 **Public Present** : Scott Moreau  
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11 **3. AGENDA REVIEW**

12 None.  
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14 **4. PUBLIC FORUM**

15 None.  
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17 **5. BUSINESS**

18 **A. Tree Work at LRW and Bombardier Park**

19 Moreau said that he owns Green Leaf and was hired to work on the dog park and help with trees that  
20 had fallen down after a storm. Moreau said that the job was to clean up the areas impacted by a storm  
21 and select trees to maintain while clearing the dog park. Moreau said that consultants were present to  
22 check for rare species of wildlife.

23 Gaherty said that the Conservation Commission is interested in locating the trail network only on  
24 Town property rather than private property. Gaherty said that some of the areas that are being worked  
25 on are considered Class II wetlands.

26 Moreau said that wetlands did not come up in conversation when he was working. Moreau said that  
27 they identify the most ecologically sensitive areas and work away from those areas. Moreau said that  
28 most of the maintenance is done mechanically rather than chemically.  
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30 **B. Town Forest Trail Repair**

31 Gaherty said that he, Pease, and Sinadinowski met with Josh from Timber & Stone when the damage  
32 was assessed at the Town Forest trail. Gaherty said that there has been a washout and that there is a  
33 lot of surface water catching on some sort of barrier.

34 Pease said that the ground was frozen and then compacted by people using the trail so that there was  
35 nowhere for the water to go when it rained.

36 Gaherty said that the plan is to install a culvert and some stonework where the trail has been eroded.  
37 Sinadinowski said that he contacted the State and confirmed that there will not be any permitting  
38 needed for this work.

39 Sinadinowski said that they will need to inform Josh of when there is a thaw.

40 Gaherty said that Josh would like to get to work as early as possible to at least get the culvert installed  
41 so that further damage does not occur.  
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1 **C. LRW Brochure**

2 Sinadinoski said that Michael Burris, Development Review Planner, updated the map in accordance  
3 with the Conservation Commission's suggestions.  
4 The Conservation Commission liked the map and plans to look over the brochure text and return with  
5 edits.  
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7 **D. Green Up Day Signs**

8 The Conservation Commission agreed to start putting some thought into how their budget should be  
9 used in case of a potential budget freeze.  
10 Sinadinoski said that Green Up Day signage should start to be considered and discussed at the next  
11 meeting. Sinadinoski said that the signs decided on should be movable and reusable.  
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13 **E. Eagle Mt. Property Boundaries**

14 Gaherty said that there are a number of sap lines running through the property though it is unclear  
15 where exactly the property boundaries are. Gaherty said that a section of the property has been  
16 flagged as being ecologically sensitive. Gaherty said that he was only able to find one survey marker.  
17 Gaherty said that it is unclear at this point whether the sap lines are on Town property or not.  
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19 **F. Winter Fest Logistics**

20 Gaherty said that the event is on February 9<sup>th</sup>.  
21 The Conservation Commission agreed to meet before the event and prepare. The CC will stay in  
22 touch via email to determine their plans.  
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24 **G. EAB Grant Application**

25 Sinadinoski said that he went in front of the Selectboard and was given permission to apply for the  
26 Emerald Ash Borer Municipal Grant. Sinadinoski suggested having the Tree Warden drive around and  
27 identify ash trees and their threat level. Sinadinoski said that public outreach letters would be sent  
28 after with information about the emerald ash borers. Sinadinoski said that he would like to set up a  
29 monitoring system later on.

30 Gaherty recommended that the Tree Warden also look for hazardous trees that are not related to the  
31 emerald ash borer as well.

32 Sinadinoski said that this is included in part of the Tree Warden's duties right now. Sinadinoski said  
33 that the application is due at the middle of next week and that he will begin working on it.  
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35 **H. Trail Hub Application**

36 Sinadinoski said that there will be more money in the CC budget at the beginning of the new fiscal  
37 year. Sinadinoski said that the Trail Hub Application rate has been lowered for municipalities.  
38 Sinadinoski supports looking into this service and wants to have the representative visit both the CC  
39 as well as the Economic Development Commission to gauge interest. Sinadinoski said that this will be  
40 revisited in late spring.  
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42 **6. Staff Updates**

43 Sinadinoski said that the State Sandbar Park will have work done soon. Sinadinoski said that they plan to  
44 move the entrance 40 feet west, renovate their bathrooms, and renovate their buildings. Sinadinoski said that  
45 this project will be going through the Development Review Board process.  
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47 **7. Approval of Minutes of December 19, 2018**

48 MOTION by Kinner to APPROVE the minutes of December 19, 2018 as written. SECOND by  
49 Pease. MOTION APPROVED, 4-0.  
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51 **6. Adjournment**

1 MOTION by DiCesare to ADJOURN the meeting at 8:42 p.m. SECOND by Pease. MOTION APPROVED, 4-  
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4 **Minutes approved by the Commission this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019 .**

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9 **Dan Gaherty , Chair** /tc

10 **Draft filed with the Town Clerk this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019 .**

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