



CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Meeting Type: _____ **Regular Meeting**
Date: _____ **February 27, 2018**
Time: _____ **6:30 p.m.**
Place: _____ **Municipal Building Community Room**
Address: _____ **43 Bombardier Road Milton, VT 05468**
Contact: _____ **(802) 893-1186**
Website: _____ www.miltonvt.org

MEETING MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

2. ATTENDANCE

Members Present : Dan Gaherty, Chair; Laurie DiCesare, Clerk; Bonnie Pease

Members Absent : Judith Kinner, Vice-Chair

Staff Present : Victor Sinadinowski, Planning Director

Public Present : Shannon King, TrailHUB.org

3. AGENDA REVIEW

None.

4. PUBLIC FORUM

None.

5. BUSINESS

A. TrailHUB Presentation

Shannon King led a presentation for TrailHUB.org in hopes to bring the trail networks of Milton online. King explained that he had spoken with the Fellowship of the Wheel about the wishes of landowners and maintenance of their land. King explained that he had developed a platform, TrailHUB, which communicates the conditions of the trails to viewers. King suggested putting this information on the Town of Milton's website would be beneficial to the community. King said that TrailHUB is integrated with Google Maps and can show people where to park, where to find trails, when and why trails are closed, and difficulty of trails based on what the Town would choose to upload. King estimated the price of this service would be around \$504 per year for one season.

Sinadinowski questioned whether the money would be worth it for the Conservation Commission and the Town of Milton.

King explained that statistics could be tracked once the Town was working with TrailHUB. King noted that there are approximately 10,000 registered users on the platform and approximately 300 trail providers. King said that there is a 30-day trial period and a money back guarantee if the Town is dissatisfied with the service.

B. Lamoille River Walk Brochure

Sinadinowski said that they are waiting for a license to alter and update maps that will be given to Michael Burris.

Gaherty suggested that updates to be made to the brochure should include the removal of CVPS and the addition of Green Mountain Power.

Pease asked that the history section of the brochure be updated as well.

C. March 29 CC Community Event - Dragonflies

Sinadinoski mentioned that he would have Parks and Recreation post on their event page. Sinadinoski will post on Facebook to notify the public, reach out to Milton Independent to check for availability, and post to Front Porch Forum.

DiCesare said that it should be clear that the event is being held by the Conservation Commission. DiCesare would also like a contact list to make communication with other Conservation Commission groups more efficient.

D. Town forest Trail Improvement Projects

Sinadinoski wrote the contract and had it edited by both Gaherty and the Town lawyers. Sinadinoski suggested further edits be made in reference to the grant. Sinadinoski expects to have a signature to proceed within the next few weeks.

Pease mentioned that there is a small bridge that does not survive well under weather conditions that she would like to be replaced as a part of the improvement projects.

E. Town Brochures Acreage

DiCesare suggested that the Conservation Commission should meet with Public Works to set designated areas for compost and weed killer to help protect the wildlife.

6. Staff Updates

Sinadinoski shared that a new member of the Planning Commission will be joining by the end of the month.

7. Approval of Minutes of December 27, 2017

Edits including dates and names will be made and the minutes will be resubmitted.

8. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Pease to ADJOURN the meeting at 8:55 p.m. SECOND by DeCesare. MOTION APPROVED.

Minutes approved by the Commission this _____ day of _____, 2018 .

Dan Gaherty , Chair

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Draft filed with the Town Clerk this _____ day of _____, 2018 .

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