



CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Meeting Type:.....**Regular Meeting**
Date:.....**March 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 **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:**

6 Dan Gaherty, Chair; Judith Kinner, Vice-Chair; Laurie DiCesare, Clerk; Bonnie Pease

7 **Members Absent:** None

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

9 **Public Present:** None.
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11 **3. AGENDA REVIEW**

12 Added Open Meeting Law, Minutes and Bombardier Park discussions.
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14 **4. PUBLIC FORUM**

15 None.
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17 **5. BUSINESS**

18 **A. Open Meeting Law Discussion**
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20 Group e-mails may be used to schedule meetings and distribute information. Conservation Commission
21 members may e-mail each other one at a time, or two CC members may communicate with Victor but if
22 more than two CC members wish to communicate on substantive matters, it should be done through a
23 warned meeting or, if the need is urgent, through an emergency special meeting. Victor will send us updated
24 information on the Open Meeting Law.
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26 **B. Minutes**
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28 Due to staffing changes in the Planning Department, our minutes from January and February were
29 incomplete. Laurie agreed to compile our member notes from those meetings.
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31 **C. TrailHUB Presentation**
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33 Members reviewed the TrailHUB presentation from our Feb. 27 meeting, along with charts and graphs
34 included in our information packets. Members discussed the potential benefits and estimated costs of
35 entering the program. Victor said he spoke with Town Manager Don Turner about Economic Development
36 possibilities. Judy suggested that many of the visitors listed may be coming to VT for skiing rather than
37 passive recreation like hiking. Bonnie suggested that this year, with trail improvements happening at the

1 Milton Town Forest, it may not be a good idea to encourage additional visitors to the site. Laurie and others
2 agreed that we should table our decision until next year.

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4 **D. Lamoille River Walk**
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6 Dan said that we submitted our application for the grant for the Lamoille Riverwalk bridge repair, a process
7 that was started last year. RTP grant approvals will be announced by VT FP&R in April. Jen Seredejko,
8 Operations Coordinator at VYCC told him that they may be able to do the work this year or next year. He
9 mentioned the urgent need for repairing the decayed and broken boards on the bridge deck. He also said
10 that if the repair is not done soon, we will need to close a section of the trail.

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12 **E. March 29 CC Community Event - Amazing Odonates**
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14 Laurie, who will be presenting the free public program, has contacted local Conservation Commissions
15 about the event. Bonnie put flyers around Town. Victor put announcements on Facebook and Dan put
16 announcements on Front Porch Forum. Dan will introduce Laurie (she will send him a bio) and will mention
17 our need for trail work volunteers and additional MCC members.

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19 **F. Green Up Day - May 5, 2018**
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21 Victor mentioned that we will receive \$300 from the Town Manager to provide food for the event. He
22 scheduled the Pavilion at Bombardier Park from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Judy and Bonnie will purchase the food.
23 Victor will ask the Fire Department about loaning us a grill, if they have a grill. He will print out a large
24 Town road map (for participants to highlight where their clean-up is being done) and will speak with Public
25 Works about picking up the filled Green-Up bags. Judy will write an article about Green-Up for the Milton
26 Independent. Bonnie, Laurie and Judy will staff the information and map tables at the pavilion and will
27 secure eco-friendly prizes for the event. The information table will be staffed from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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29 **G. Bombardier Park**
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31 Bonnie and Laurie recently surveyed the broken birch trees surrounding the pond and picked up some trash.
32 Bonnie used a hand saw to clear some of the broken trunks. Although the trail to the pond has been cleared,
33 the debris from a large, broken pine tree still remains on site and another large pine log has fallen into the
34 pond. Dan asked if the logs presented a hazard and Laurie agreed. Bonnie mentioned our meeting with
35 Justin, our new Grounds maintenance person. Laurie said that she saw several 3-foot high piles of dirt and
36 gravel that had been pushed into the woods and could cause girdling and death of the submerged border
37 trees if left that way. Dan suggested that Laurie write up a best practices statement for the Grounds
38 Department about care of the buffer areas at the edge of the woods. We can then present this and discuss
39 with the Public Works Department. Victor said he spoke with Don Turner about the planned Dog Park at
40 Bombardier and was told the project was on hold awaiting Act 250 review of possible archeological sites.

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42 **6. Staff Updates**
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44 There will be no April or July MCC meeting. Victor will ask the Recreation Department about the scheduling
45 of our next Conservation Commission / Recreation Commission meeting in May.

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47 **7. Approval of Minutes of January 30, 2018 and February 27, 2018**
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1 Dan and Bonnie will send Laurie their notes from our January and February meetings for Laurie to
2 compile.

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4 **8. ADJOURNMENT**

5 MOTION by Kinner to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. SECOND by DiCesare. MOTION
6 APPROVED.

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

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12 **Dan Gaherty, Chair** _____ /ld

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

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