



CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Meeting Type: _____ **Regular Meeting**
Date: _____ **Tuesday, August 28, 2018**
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

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

2. ATTENDANCE

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

Members Absent : None.

Staff Present : Victor Sinadinowski, Planning Director

Public Present : Odessa Kilby-Way; Lee Gaboriault

3. AGENDA REVIEW

Pease added Municipal Day and the expansion of the Municipal Town Forest parking lot size to the agenda.

4. PUBLIC FORUM

Gaboriault requested information regarding the allowance of biking on the Town Forest Trail.

Gaherty said that the Conservation Commission will review and discuss allowed uses on the trail.

5. BUSINESS

A. New LRW Bridge / RTP Grant Close Out

Sinadinowski will handle the close out for the LRW Bridge RTP grant.

B. LRW Brochure Update

Gaherty tabled this topic for the next meeting.

C. Town Forest Trail Upgrade Project / RTP Grant Close Out

Sinadinowski said that a handicap sign, bike rack, and bollard are still needed. Sinadinowski said that volunteer hours should be decided and that the goal is to have the grant closed by November. Regarding Phase 2 of the MTF trail, Gaherty said that a cost and time assessment should be done before a proposal is given to the Selectboard. Sinadinowski recommended that the two open grants should be closed or closer to closing before a request is sent out for another.

D. Town Forest Signage and Bike Rack

Gaherty said that he is not very concerned with people using their bicycles on the path but that the Conservation Commission is obligated to install a bike rack anyway. Sinadinowski said that there is money remaining in the grant that can be used. Pease said that signage would be needed for the designated handicap space. Pease is concerned with the snow plows doing damage to the new terrain. Sinadinowski recommended extending this concern to Public Works. Gaherty said that reflective markers could be placed to help direct snow plow drivers. Gaherty said that measures should be taken to try to deter ATV use without inhibiting lawnmowers and handicap access.

E. Town Forest Approved Uses Review

The Conservation Commission tabled this topic for the next meeting.

F. Speed Limits on Trails?

Pease wanted to know if a 3 mph speed limit could be posted in order to keep users to a walking speed. Pease said that, per Federal law, one cannot prohibit any kind of transportation under a mobility clause. Sinadinoski suggested that it may be impractical to monitor the speed limits. Sinadinoski said that a 3 mph enforcement for motorized vehicles may imply that ATV use may be permitted. Sinadinoski suggested implementing a policy that prohibits ATV use. Gaherty tabled the discussion for another time.

G. Municipal Day

The Conservation Commission will review each other's interest in offered events and an RSVP will be sent out by Sinadinoski.

H. Parking Lot Size

The Conservation Commission tabled this topic for the next meeting.

I. Street Trees

Sinadinoski said that contact methods have been established with the Tree Warden. DiCesare expressed concerns with the maintenance of trees in the public right of way in regards to them being cut too often or too short by the Public Works Department.

6. Staff Updates

7. Approval of Minutes of May 9, 2018 and June 26, 2018

MOTION by Kinner to APPROVE the minutes of May 9, 2018 as amended. SECOND by Pease. MOTION APPROVED, 4-0. MOTION by Kinner to APPROVE the minutes of June 26, 2018 as submitted. SECOND by Pease. MOTION APPROVED, 4-0.

8. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Pease to ADJOURN the meeting at 8:53 p.m. SECOND by Kinner. MOTION APPROVED, 4-0.

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 .

Filed with the Town Clerk this _____ day of _____, 2018.