



## CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Meeting Type: \_\_\_\_\_ **Regular Meeting**  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_ **Tuesday, October 23, 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

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### 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** : Brian Pease

### 3. AGENDA REVIEW

The Conservation Commission added discussion topics to the agenda.

### 4. PUBLIC FORUM

None.

### 5. BUSINESS

#### A. Budget Request Update for FY20

Sinadinowski said that he is requesting a higher budget for the Conservation Commission to assist the Commission with trail maintenance, tools, and other anticipated costs.

#### B. Phase 2 Trail Construction at Town Forest

Gaherty said that it would be beneficial to have Josh Ryan from Timber & Stone come and do a high-level trail cost estimate for Phase 2.

Sinadinowski said that he is waiting to hear back from Josh to schedule a meeting time.

#### C. LRW Brochure

Sinadinowski said that Michael Burris, Development Review Planner, revised the brochure's map. The map is a template.

The Conservation Commission suggested several edits. Planning staff will make suggested edits and bring back the revised map at the next meeting.

#### D. Emerald Ash Borer

Gaherty said he read a news article stating that traces of the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) have been spotted in South Hero. Gaherty suggested coordinating with the Tree Warden and developing steps for the public to take if the Emerald Ash Borer is spotted.

The Conservation Commission agreed that they could assume the role of hosting public informational sessions on identifying EAB.

Sinadinowski said that he will reach out to appropriate contacts in order to organize such a meeting.

**E. Activities Fair Recap**

Kinner said that the people who showed up were excited about the trails and that many brochures were handed out.

**F. Snap Fitness**

DiCesare said that this site could potentially be used as a new location for recreation and conservation activities in the future. DiCesare said that it may be beneficial for the Town to acquire some of the surrounding wetlands if properties become available for sale.

**G. Eagle Mountain**

Kinner said that trees were being marked with pink ribbons on Town property and suggested that the situation should be looked into.

Sinadinowski said that there had been a conversation about tapping maple trees and said that he would figure out if this is connected to that.

**6. Staff Updates**

None.

**7. Approval of Minutes of September 25, 2018**

MOTION by Kinner to APPROVE the minutes of September 25, 2018 as amended. SECOND by DiCesare. MOTION APPROVED, 3-0.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION by Pease to ADJOURN the meeting. SECOND by Kinner. MOTION APPROVED, 4-0.

Minutes approved by the Commission this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2018 .

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Dan Gaherty, Chair

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