



CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Meeting Type:..... **Regular Meeting**
Date:..... **March 28, 2023**
Time:..... **6:30 p.m.**
Place:..... **Community Room**
Address:..... **43 Bombardier Road, Milton**
Contact:..... **(802) 893-1186**
Website:..... **www.miltonvt.gov**

MEETING MINUTES

Dan Gaherty, Chair William Pikul, Vice-chair Laurie DiCesare, Clerk Bonnie Pease, Member Pamela Sandoval, Member Kris Dulmer, Milton Tree Warden & MCC liaison, Jenna Tucker Eugair, Director of Recreation

1. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Dan Gaherty at 6:34 p.m.

2. Attendance:

Members Present: Laurie DiCesare, Dan Gaherty, Bonnie Pease, William Pikul and Pamela Sandoval
Members absent: None
Staff Present: Jenna Eugair (Milton Recreation Director), Kris Dulmer (Tree Warden / MCC Liaison)
Public Present: None

3. Agenda Review:

4. Business:

- A. **Milton Town Forest ADA Trail Project:** Dan talked with Planning Director Cymone Bedford. The RTP agreement has not yet been received so we cannot issue an RFP. Cymone will contact Julie Follensbee. William said the ARPA money has been approved. Bonnie asked for information from the engineer that walked the site with her in November.
- B. **Green-Up Day (May 6, 2023, 8 a.m. to Noon):** Pam agreed to be point person for the MCC and will work with Jenna. Laurie and Bonnie will help staff the table on May 6 and will hand out bookmarks and Arbor Day treeplings (if they arrive in time). Jenna will order the coffee, hot chocolate and donuts which William will pick up. William will also help with signs. Dan will post a Front Porch Forum announcement about the event.
- C. **CCRPC Regional Conservation Commission Meeting (Feb. 22, 2022):** None of our members attended.
- D. **Franklin Co. NRCD – Arrowhead Mountain Lake Workgroup Meeting (April 4, 2023):** Dan and Laurie attended the original Zoom meeting. Laurie was disappointed that phosphorus abatement would not be considered. Dan noted that no representatives from Green Mountain Power, owner of the boat launch property, attended the meeting. Dan and Laurie are willing to attend the upcoming Zoom meeting.

- E. **AVCC Grant:** The AVCC offers small grants of \$250 to \$600. Bonnie said the grant application would be due March 31, 2023.
- F. **Arbor Day Conference (May 19, 2023):** Bonnie said the event will be at the Technical School in Randolph, VT. She has a brochure with program titles. Lunch will be provided. Bonnie will probably attend.
- G. **Trail Maintenance:** Jenna said that local homeowner, Jim Lambert, wants to help with Bombardier Park trail maintenance and signage. He has been meeting with Town Manager Don Turner and Jenna about this. Don said Jim could be a trail steward on a trial basis. A park site map is being prepared. Dan said that a 6x6-inch entry-gate post had been snapped at the Henry Rd. entrance to Eagle Mountain. A Town truck was apparently involved. Dan urged a quick repair to deter vehicles from entering the trails. William asked people to let him know if they see any fallen trees blocking the trails.

Staff Update: There were no staff changes affecting the MCC.

Nature Notes: Laurie has been seeing wild turkeys in her yard eating the bird seed. Bonnie has been seeing Red-winged Blackbirds, a grackle, brown-headed Cowbird and turkey vultures. Kris saw a woodcock recently. The sap run has been steady at his sugarhouse. He will offer an open house on Saturday (April 1, 2023) at 1 p.m. (174 Manley Road, Milton.) Pam has been hearing ravens with "knocking" vocalizations. Dan saw 15 Canada Geese fly over his head so close that he could hear the wingbeats.

- 5. **Approval of Minutes:** Bonnie MOVED that we accept the Minutes of Jan. 24, 2023 as amended. Laurie seconded. All Approved. MOTION PASSED.
- 6. **Adjournment:** Bonnie MOVED that we adjourn. Laurie seconded. All Approved. MOTION PASSED. Meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Laurie DiCesare, MCC Clerk

APPROVED MINUTES:

Fog with [Signature] Date: April 28 2023
Dan Gaherty, Chair

Filed with the Milton Town Clerk's Office on this 4th day of May, 2023.

ATTEST: *Krist Bees*, Milton Town Clerk