

# Town of Milton, Vermont

## Joint Recreation & Conservation Commission Regular Meeting Minutes

May 8, 2019 • 6:00 p.m.

Milton Municipal Building  
Town Manager's Conference Room  
43 Bombardier Rd.  
Milton, VT 05468

### 1. Attendance:

- **Staff:** Kym Duchesneau, Recreation Coordinator, Ben Nappi, Assistant Recreation Coordinator, Kris Dulmer, Town Tree Warden/Liaison to Conservation Commission
- **Recreation Commission:** John Lindsay (Chair), Sharon Radtke (Vice Chair), Renee Berteau and Wayne Peters
- **Conservation Commission:** Dan Gaherty (Chair), Judy Kinner (Vice-Chair), Laurie DiCesare (Clerk) and Bonnie Pease
- **Absent:** Paul Morits (Recreation Commission)

2. **Call to Order:** Meeting called to order at 6:04pm by John Lindsay, RC Chair

3. **Amendments to Agenda:** None

4. **Public Forum:** None

5. **Approval of Previous Minutes:** At end of Recreation Commission portion of meeting. Radtke moved to accept the April 10, 2019 minutes as written. Berteau seconded the motion. Minutes approved as written.

### 6. Conservation & Recreation Commissions Updates & Discussion

- Upcoming CC Programs/Events
  - No upcoming events
- Green Up Day
  - A recap was that about 100 people got bags and picked up their assigned areas. Low attendance at the cookout afterwards. Discussion of perhaps offering breakfast next year, as it seems many want to participate, but then go home after picking up trash, perhaps to wash up, or work on their own properties.
- Town Forest Access Trail improvements
  - On the graveled trail, a culvert was installed after a washout. Josh Ryan from Timber and Stone contributed work to this project. The area needs additional drainage, and the CC received permission to extend the drainage pipes further into the trees. A beaver exclusion fence was placed on the trail, and seems to have been successful in containing the area beavers wanted to dam. Timber & Stone will provide and estimate for extending the trail, and constructing an accessible viewing platform for the marsh area. (or maybe the pond area?)
- Lamoille River Walk B r i d g e
  - The Youth Conservation Corps constructed a bridge at the Checkerberry end of the trail as a replacement bride. Old (untreated) bridge boards were distributed in the surrounding woods, to decay naturally.
  - In the coming week, members of the commission will survey the Lamoille River walk trail, where logging has taken place to extend the trail on the Checkerberry/Donald Drive end of the trail. Rocks will be placed to deter motorized vehicle use (which is prohibited).

- Rec Chair John Lindsey asked about kayak and canoe access areas along the river. It was mentioned that there should be a Lamoille River Paddler's Trail map available online.
- Parks Ordinance
  - The Conservation Commission asked about the process the Recreation Commission and Staff used to develop and attain approval for the Parks Ordinance. Duchesneau will send a Word document of the Parks Ordinance for the CC to use to define the natural areas (Town Forest, Eagle Mountain and Lamoille River Walk) ordinance.
- Other
  - RC Chair Lindsay mentioned the Commission Summit meeting held on April 29 regarding the Hourglass Project, and that the Conservation Commission could think of projects or installations that would lend themselves to that space, suggesting a storm water runoff pool with natural filtration and plants that would benefit beneficial insects. The Town Manager and Selectboard looks to form a committee to explore and determine the installations in that space.

## 7. Recreation Department Report

- Spring & Summer Programs, Events, Camps, Music in the Park – updates
  - Recent Recreation events – Egg Hunt was rainy however a huge success. Park Spruce Up Day was beautiful weather and all hands on deck getting the Park ready for spring. Summer Camps are filling up. Summer Camp staff has been hired. Music in the Park will include food by Matt Mullen plus Lawn Games and other fun. Health & Safety Fair on Sat, May 18 right after Dog Park Grand Opening.
  - Dog Park Grand Opening Sat, May 18 at 10am – Berteau, Radtke and Duchesneau and community member Colleen Sauve are working on event details and plans are coming together. Duchesneau worked with Taylor Yeates, Director of Public Safety, on a video promoting the new Dog Park.
  - Other – Milton Firefighters Assoc. July 4th Celebration will include Parade, Food vendors in the Park, Milton Community Band and Fireworks. No Chicken BBQ this year.
- Milton Recreation Master Plan Update and Town Green project
  - The Recreation Master Plan Project will include stakeholder meetings. Recreation and Conservation Commissions will meet together (along with several other groups) - date of meeting TBD. Duchesneau will notify commissioners of the schedule when it is finalized.
- Park Projects and Updates
  - Fieldhouse and Park projects
    - The East Side Pavilion will be painted and electricity run to it this summer. CC chair Gaherty recommended installing gutters, to avoid pooling water on the cement pad for the pavilion. Suggestion was welcomed by Staff. The Outdoor Performance Center's new floor will be painted. A PA system will be donated by community member Karlo Salminen. Funds for lights will be being included in FY21 budget, as matching funds for the grant can be pursued. We will need to come up with an interim solution for lights until the permanent installation is realized. CC member Kinner recommended that Horseshoe Pits lights be higher.
  - Park Ordinance – Draft approved by Selectboard at Public Hearing on May 6. On website for public review for 45 days and then will be approved by State.
- Other Recreation Department Business — Town Manager and Finance Director have lifted the spending freeze. Milton Recreation will receive a Vermont Recreation & Parks Association "Facility of Merit" award for the Bombardier Park West Revitalization project at the VRPA annual meeting on May 16.

## 8. Recreation Commission Report

- Giant Pumpkin Growing Contest Plus – Lindsay stated that ACE Hardware is considering being a sponsor of the Finale. Ann Squire from Giant Pumpkin Growers may attend Weigh Off.
- Other Recreation Commission Business – Lindsay and Radtke plan to submit applications to be reappointed to the

Recreation Commission (terms expiring June 30, 2019). Duchesneau will follow up with Morits regarding a possible reappointment.

**9. Next Meeting:**

- Wednesday, June 12, 2019

**10. Motion to Adjourn:** Berteau moved to adjourn; seconded by Lindsay. Meeting adjourned at 7:35pm.

Respectfully submitted.

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John Lindsay, Chair  
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