

The monthly meeting of the Milton Conservation Commission took place on July 1, 2026 at Milton Town Hall. Attendees were Virginia Long, Lee Pilkovsky, Josh Megyesy, and Wayne Sylvester (Alternate). As Steven Panish, Kyle Russell, Kathy Moses (Alternate) and Sharon Buttrick (Alternate) were absent, a quorum was not present. Wayne Sylvester was asked to sit on the Board. Virginia called the meeting to order at 6:02; streaming was turned on.

Virginia opened the meeting by announcing that Sharon Buttrick was resigning from MCC; however, Sharon will be available to help with various events. Virginia passed out thank you cards to Sharon for all to sign.

#4: Upcoming Events:

a. The Jones Brook Grand Opening and Wetlands Walk was rescheduled to July 25, 10-12. All who preregistered are still registered.

#5: Review/Approval of meeting minutes: Virginia asked if there were any changes/corrections to June's minutes that she had sent out. No one had any issues. **Wayne made a motion to accept; Lee seconded. All were in favor.**

#6: Financial Report: Steve sent out a budget report. We have not spent anything except for miscellaneous items i.e., stamps that Virginia purchased. Expenditures from General Fund: We paid for two campers; \$1,999 to SOL; \$2500 to MMRG for two easements. Brittany will reimburse us from the Town funds. **Lee made a motion to accept the report; Josh seconded and all were in favor.**

#7: MCC Events Planning and Reports:

a. Reports on Recent Events: MCC at Summer Cookoff

Virginia asked Wayne about the Cookoff; he replied that the high wind was a major factor in low attendance at his display. He said everything blew off the table; chairs went sent flying. Marilyn confirmed this at the MCC tables; the pelts could not be held down and after both tables and signs blew over, she and Sharon packed everything up. Marilyn also said she felt the kids were too busy in the pond to bother coming up to see the demonstrations.

b. Plans for Upcoming Events/Community Outreach:

Regarding the Jones Brook Grand Opening and Wetlands Walk, Virginia

said she'd hang flyers there and talk about the phragmites.

Sharon and Virginia will not be at the WWW Festival; however, Josh will try to get next to us in the spot we had last year. Lee will be there. Marilyn said she might be able to attend. Kyle and Callie might help as well. Virginia wondered if she should ask for volunteers from her master list. Lee asked Virginia to send him contact information.

MMRG Plan: Virginia will distribute flyers to be posted around town.

#8: Outreach to Nute Schools and Other/Community: Steve has been asked to speak at their annual meeting to discuss the phragmites removal project.

#9: Camp Scholarships: Virginia asked Lee if he could make a flyer again to post at the Festival. He agreed and said he'd add Les Elder's name to the flyer. Grace Wing had suggested making a video of her son Phil and others at camp. Virginia will ask parents for pictures of the campers; Josh felt a video is best to post to our website.

#10: Wetlands protections:

b. Virginia said she'd like to post Wetlands information as well as the Building Permit (with changes) to our web page. However, Sarah Routhier, Town Land Use Clerk, told Virginia our page needs updating. Virginia agreed and asked all if anyone was interested in updating the website. As no one volunteered, Virginia said this project could be done gradually.

#11: Town-Owned Easements and Conservation lands:

Fee Properties:

Casey Road: Jeff and Mike are not involved as much in this project.

Jones Brook: Josh will get there as soon as he can.

Spaulding Turnpike: Josh will go out Friday, July 3, to check on the phragmites. Virginia wrote to SOL three times about access to the property. No reply yet. She doesn't want an MCC vehicle to be seen there.

Dames Brook: Virginia stated we need a system locate the pins.

Easements:

Frizzell: Virginia forgot to ask land owners after a meeting if they would like a copy of the monitoring report. She asked Lee to remind her. Virginia

stated that MCC makes the decisions regarding monitors' jobs. She said that if we don't update boundaries, they will get lost. She stated refreshing of the medallions needs to be done; some of the markers are pointing the wrong way. She suggested we tackle this project next year. The issue was raised again whether we could do this ourselves. **Lee made a motion to pay \$50 per easement for next two easements to remark boundaries if needed. Wayne seconded. All were in favor.**

Silver Springs: Veronica will monitor.

Lyman Brook: Abby will monitor.

Lancy Ward: Abby will monitor.

Lavalliere: Abby will monitor.

Confirm Other Monitoring of Town-held easements:

Nute: Josh will do the monitoring.

Liberty: Wayne asked about paying MMRG to monitor; he felt it was a good idea and Lee agreed. Virginia said we have enough money to pay this fee. **Lee made a motion to approve paying MMRG \$250 to monitor. Josh seconded and all were in favor.**

#12: Report from TPPA: Wayne stated SOL will come the first week of August to apply a herbicide treatment at Branch River. DASH will begin July 20th. We are still exploring the first project for the watershed management plan. We will use \$35,000 from the casino gift to finance the first project.

#13: Trail Volunteers Report: As Kyle was absent, there was no report.

#14: Virginia's Report: Virginia asked what happens now because of Sharon's resignation. At the moment, refilling her position is still the Select Board's job. She stated that anyone who wanted to apply should send a Letter of Interest to Rich Krause. Discussion turned to the confusion on when board members' terms actually end. Lee pointed out that Alternates still need to be appointed. Virginia then mentioned that the Volunteer flyer needs updating. She will post it at the Festival. Josh asked if she'd put it on FaceBook. Virginia replied 'yes' and on our Friends List.

#15: Other business: Discussion turned to what to put in the Time Capsule box at Town Hall. Josh suggested a medallion; Marilyn a horseshoe and Wayne thought a mug with MCC's name on it.

The date of the next meeting was confirmed. **Wayne then made a motion to adjourn; Lee seconded and all were in favor.** The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 and streaming was turned off.