



CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Meeting Type:..... **Regular Meeting**
Date:..... **Tuesday, January 22, 2019**
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 6:30 p.m.

2. ATTENDANCE

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

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Victor Sinadinoski, Planning Director

Public Present: Scott Moreau

3. AGENDA REVIEW

None.

4. PUBLIC FORUM

None.

5. BUSINESS

A. Tree Work at Lamoille River Walk and Bombardier Park

Moreau said that he owns Greenleaf Forestry and was hired to work on the Bombardier dog park and to help remove trees that had fallen down due to a wind storm. Moreau said that the job was to clean up the areas impacted by a storm and select trees to maintain while also clearing the dog park area. Moreau said that State of Vermont Botanist, Bob Popp, was present to check for rare species in this area.

Gaherty said that the Conservation Commission is interested in locating the Bombardier trail network only on Town property rather than private property. Gaherty said that some of the areas that are being worked on are considered Class II wetlands.

Moreau said that wetlands did not come up in conversation when he was working with the State. Moreau said that they identify the most ecologically sensitive areas and work away from those areas. Moreau said that most of the maintenance is done mechanically rather than chemically. Moreau also described the proposed logging project on Town property accessed through the Checkerberry development. The Conservation Commission expressed concern that the Lamoille River Walk (LRW) could be affected by the project. Moreau assured the Conservation Commission that the logging work would occur in the area west of the trail and would not affect the trail. Moreau agreed to forward a copy of Popp's report to the Commission via the Planning Department along with the Management Plans prepared by Greenleaf Forestry for both Bombardier and Checkerberry sites.

B. Town Forest Trail Repair