



CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Meeting Type: _____ **Regular Meeting**
Date: _____ **Tuesday, March 26, 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 6:36 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; Don Turner Jr., Town Manager

Public Present: None

3. AGENDA REVIEW

4. PUBLIC FORUM

None.

5. BUSINESS

A. Town Manager Discussion Regarding Logging at Lamoille River Walk

Turner said that there needs to be a more public process for how this information comes about.

Turner apologized for the miscommunication and lack of information shared. Turner said that this was not done for revenue but some of the money from the logging was used to finish the dog park.

Pease said that she would like to see the archeological report for future planning.

Gaherty said that the Conservation Commission (CC) has been planning to move some trails on site.

Turner said that he is not sure if Act 250 would be triggered by this or not.

Sinadinoski said that the trails would be in the wetlands.

Turner does not believe that Act 250 would be triggered in this scenario. Turner said that he did want the CC to know that the logging was going to happen but said that he should have contacted the neighborhood. Turner would like to see further development of communication methods of similar events in the future that explains the process and notifies the public. Turner said that he wishes that he had kept the CC more informed with this logging process and apologized again for the lack of communication. Turner said that he made it clear with the logging company that there should be a buffer area between Town property and residential areas so that no privacy was being encroached on.

Pease said that the CC would have recommended a visual buffer and time to post information for the people walking the trail to warn them about the logging.

DiCesare asked to assign staff personnel or someone else to verify that contracted workers are doing the job that they were assigned.

Turner said that town staff are not experts in those areas and taxpayer money will not be used to monitor the work of contractors.