

Milford Conservation Commission October 12, 2023 Meeting Minutes 7:00pm Milford BOS Meeting Room
Minutes

PRESENT:

Andy Seale, Chair
Rodney Dellafelice
Kim Rimalover
Anita Stevens
Marie Nickerson

Members

Richard Elliott (Alt) – Acting Full Member
Chris Costantino (Alt) – Acting Full Member

Town Representatives

Paul Dargie, BOS representative

Guests

Steve Desmarais
Matt Peterson (Keach Nordstrom
engineer)
Tom Quinn, attorney

Excused:, John Yule, Chair; Andy Hughes, VChair

Appointment:

7:00 South Street Gas Station. Steve Desmarais, Matt Peterson, and Tom Quinn met with the MCC to discuss the installation of a gas station at the corner of Nathaniel Drive and South Street (Map43 Lot20-2). The MCC does not support this application, which requires a variance to put a gas station on a lot that is located within the Wellhead Protection area and over a portion of the stratified drift aquifer. Steve Desmarais dug two test pits to ascertain soil type at the proposed tank depth. The soils are very permeable and revealed bedrock at about 10' in both pits. The Seasonal High-Water Table is at about 3'. As a result of the conversation, the applicant will provide answers to some questions:

1. What is the possibility of flooding in the future.
2. Owner insurance or bonding to cover the cost in the event of a petroleum spillage or leaky tank
3. What are the maintenance standards for the tank; reporting requirements; replacement scheduling

The applicant has suggested that they create a container of some design for the double walled tanks. There are no plans as yet, provided.

Item	Discussion	Who Will Do What
1. Meeting Minutes approval	The September meeting minutes were unanimously approved on a motion by Anita, seconded by Rod	Chris will send the minutes to Marie and Paul Dargie. Chris will post on the website
2. 4 th Saturday hike	September 23 cancelled due to lack of a leader October 28, 2023 Mile Slip Town Forest. North Trail to observe early successional habitat restoration project	Chris to notify the members that the loggers will arrive on Thursday Oct 19

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The order and matters of this meeting are subject to change without further notice.

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3. RV camping in TF parking areas	Rich Elliott read and provided some edits to the Policy and Procedure Manual regarding overnight RV camping in town forests. John Yule provided some edits via email. Rich provided the appropriate dating protocol so that the manual automatically reflects the most recent version.	The MCC will read the manual annually for any edits. Chris will set a date for September 2024 for the next review.
4. Warrant Article for 2024	The members discussed and decided to submit a warrant article for \$X.	Chris, Andy, or Rod will update the previous documentation to explain the need for the funds and the process for which the amount was determined.
5. Reports / Old Business	Milford Community Land Ecological Inventory and Impact Assessment: nothing new to report	
	Hitchiner TF: Andy and Chris staked the 2023 mowing plan, which was completed by DPW. The members discussed a possible mowing schedule for the future – a three-year rotation where one of the three fields is mowed each year.	
	Ghost Train races Oct.13-15, 2023.	Anita will provide soups and work at the aid station Saturday morning. AndyS and Rich will provide assistance to the power lines aid station with set up and break down. They will also pick up and drop off the electric signs which are reserved from Balcom Bros. Rentals.
	Town Forests: Mile Slip TF -early successional restoration project. Will be starting soon	
	Armory Rd /Rail Trail crossing – signaling parts still have not arrived. The field has been too wet to serve as a landing. Hopefully this winter, the ground will be frozen and we can get the work done.	Chris will meet with Mike Merrell, who is the site work contractor, to flag the trees that need to be removed.
	Pumpkin Fest. Oct 7&8, 2023 weekend. The MCC booth was staffed by Rich and Chris. Several people stopped by to look at the map or to greet Gertie, one of our Ghoul Trail Guides present at the Ghost Train Races.	
	Open subdivisions – place holders to check for changes Falcon Ridge – Monumentation of lots. Spaulding – Monumentation and easement of the open space	

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	No changes in status for either since last mtg	
	Groundwater Protection Zoning Ordinance (GWZO) – member research continues. The MCC needs to get a draft to the Planning Board very soon so as to meet the 2024 Warrant Article review cycle	
6. Work session	October 26, 2023 as needed: Goals / Groundwater Protection ZO /	
7. Interdepartment Review (IDR)	No new applications	
8. Adjournment	The members unanimously approved a motion by Kim, seconded by Marie to adjourn at 8:30.	

Next Regular Meeting – November 9, 2023 @ 7PM. NOTE: This will be an in-person meeting in the Selectmen's Meeting Room. Virtual (remote) access may be available via Zoom. Access details will be included on that meeting's posted Agenda

2023 Meeting Dates: Jan 13. Feb 9. Mar 9. Apr 13. May 11. June 8, Jul 13. Aug 10. Sept 14. Oct 12. Nov 19. Dec 14