

MILFORD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes of Meeting of March 10, 2011

Present:

Audrey Fraizer – Vice Chair
Kim Rimalover, Andy Hughes, Andy Seale, Hub Seward, Becky Lorette - Full Members
Chris Costantino, Wayne Hardy, Rodney Dellafelice - Alternate Members
Fred Elkind - Conservation Coordinator

Excused:

Diane Fitzpatrick

Also Present:

Brian Hawkins, CLMC Chair

The public meeting of the Milford Conservation Commission was called to order by Audrey Fraizer at 7:05PM

MINUTES:

Approval of Minutes: Audrey called for the approval of the minutes. Kim moved that the minutes of the February 10, 2011 meeting be accepted as presented. Andy S. seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously accepted as presented.

Unfinished Business:

1. Southern NH Trails and Outdoor Expo. - With the Expo right around the corner, several tasks remain to be done before the event. There will be a meeting on 4/7 to discuss the final floor plan. Kim, Chris, Audrey and others will work on a new design for the Conservation Commission booth. Kim, Audrey, Brian, and Andy H. will man the booth during the event. Chris, Audrey, Fred, and Kim will be available to register the exhibitors/vendors/visitors. Chris will take photos/videos and will interact with the visitors during the event. Becky suggested that Fred should contact Chief Douglas about the use of the PD's electronic sign. Fred also explained that signs would be around the Oval, at the transfer station, and there would be coverage on PEG. Audrey will talk to the folks with the sign near the stone bridge.

2. March Hike - Bill Wickman (Amherst CC) and Audrey will lead the hike.

3. West Elm Corridor Overlay Development - Chris summarized the meeting. The meeting was attended by Audrey, Chris, and Fred. NRPC staff primarily conducted the meeting and reviewed alternative "appearances" for the district ranging from large-box type architecture, to neighborhood type architecture as well as appearance of green space and more. Attendees were provided forms to rate the alternatives. This had been done previously by business sector representatives. The meeting was well attended with most town governmental land use groups present.

4. Membership Status - Andy Seale, was reappointed as a full member. Wayne Hardy was appointed as an alternate. Becky was appointed as a full member. Rodney DellaFelice was reappointed as an alternate. Kim's reappointment is to be on March 14.

New Business:

1. Conservation Commission Officers -

Fred discussed Diane's decision not to run for office due to personal matters related to her future as a Washingtonian.

Elections - Audrey was nominated by Chris with a second by Andy Seale. She was unanimously elected as Chair. Kim was nominated by Audrey for the position of Vice Chair. Rod seconded the nomination and Kim was unanimously elected.

2. Lyme Disease - Fred discussed the upcoming Lyme Disease Program at the High School (April 5 at 7pm). Lyme disease is sufficiently significant that we may need to incorporate its consideration in our programs and activities. Statistics were presented demonstrating that NH is one of the states with the highest incidence of the disease. Methods were discussed to control the disease. Proper attire, bug spray applications, and pesticide application to clothing are effective as is the use of sprayed pesticides. Brian Hawkins provided details on the effectiveness of Sawyer Permethrin Clothing Insect Repellent. The repellent is sprayed onto clothing, allowed to dry, and can last longer than 6 weeks or 6 washings. Brian, as chair of the CLMC, indicated that Lyme Disease prevention guidance could be placed within the kiosks at the trail heads.

3. Violations - Map 8, lot 54/1 (Rte 13) - Fred passed around a letter dated March 3, 2011 addressed to George Infanti in which four permit deficiencies were identified as a result of a site visit by DES and Milford Code Enforcement. The letter noted that most of the deficiencies had been addressed since the site visit. However, there is a question as to what plan is being used. It appears that the plan being used is not the same as the permitted plan. The developer was asked to clarify this discrepancy.

4. Broadcast of Commission Meetings - The possibility of TV coverage of the meetings has been raised. The Commission discussed the possibility of televising the meetings. Pros and cons were presented. Approximately 50% of the commissioners present were against televising the meetings. The balance were neutral to somewhat supportive. The Commission felt that the status quo was fine but the matter could be discussed again in the future.

5. SoRLAC Opening - Diane has resigned as a member of SoRLAC (Souhegan River Local Advisory Committee). This leaves an opening to be filled. There are three possible members from Milford. Celeste Barr and Tom Sloan are members. Possible members are recommended by the BOS and appointed by the Commissioner of DES. Audrey polled the members to see if there was interest in serving on this committee. Schedules precluded those present from serving. Audrey requested that possible candidates be sought.

6. Pumpkin Festival Booth - To avoid a repeat of last minute booth placement, the Commission indicated the need to reserve as early as possible. Fred will do this.

Interdepartmental Reviews

None

Reports:

1. Conservation Commission Fundraising - Chris updated the Commission on the status of the NEGF grant. The application has been submitted and is being reviewed.

2. Stormwater Program - Audrey noted the article that appeared in the recent Granite Town Quarterly about stormwater. Several commissioners had read the article. Audrey also introduced the “Litter Free NH” initiative. Fred explained that he had spoken to the Masons about coordinating a town-wide litter pick-up effort. Trash pick-up helps avoid some stormwater issues and is a requirement of the town’s MS4 permit. Litter Free NH is a statewide effort. Trash bags are provided.

Announcements:

None

Communications:

None

There being no other business to come before the Conservation Commission, Audrey adjourned the meeting at 9:00 pm.

Diane Fitzpatrick

Hub Seward

Rod DellaFelice

Chris Costantino

Wayne Hardy

Audrey Fraizer

Becky Lorette

Andy Hughes

Andy Seale

Kim Rimalover