

MILFORD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes of Meeting of June 9, 2011

**Present:**

Kim Rimalover - Vice Chair  
Andy Hughes, Andy Seale, Becky Lorette - Full Members  
Chris Costantino, Rodney DellaFelice - Alternate Members  
Fred Elkind - Conservation Coordinator

**Excused:**

Audrey Fraizer, Diane Fitzpatrick, Wayne Hardy, , Hub Seward

**Also Present:**

Earl Sanford (Sanford Survey), Joe Pestana (JP Pests)

The public meeting of the Milford Conservation Commission was called to order by Kim Rimalover at 7:07 PM

**Approval of Minutes:** Kim called for the approval of the minutes. Becky moved that the minutes of the May 12, 2011 meeting be accepted as presented. Chris seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously accepted as presented.

**Appointments:**

**1) JP Chemical, Map 43 Lot 70** - Earl Sanford presented a plan that depicted the proposed disturbances within the buffer as a result of the development of the lot by JP Pest Co. Impacts to the buffer would include 1800 sq.ft. for the development of a treatment swale, 1000 sq.ft. for the removal of old buildings and buffer restoration, and 6000 sq.ft. of disturbance for the detention basin. The issue of overflow parking was raised and the intent of the materials that would be used for construction and whether it would be permeable. Earl indicated that it would likely be gravel. Fred suggested that other alternatives should be considered for this as well the access road. Permeable pavement may result in less salt application, etc. Fred advised the commissioners that they would see the details of the designs through the interdepartmental review process and would have additional opportunity to comment to the Planning Board.

Chris made a motion to recommend approval of the Special Exception by the ZBA. Andy S. seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

**Unfinished Business:**

**1. SoRLAC Appointment Recommendation** - Yvonne Beran has made contact with the SoRLAC folks and continues to be willing to serve on the committee. Rodney moved to

recommend that the Board of Selectmen propose Yvonne's nomination to the SoRLAC to Commissioner of NHDES. Chris seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

**2. Conservation Commission Website (New)** - Fred advised that the town's new website is up and operating and contains pages for the Conservation Commission. It is the intent that this standardizes the town-wide website although there is room for some individuality within the departments and commissions. Fred requested that the commissioners review the new site as it currently exists and recommend what should be included or excluded. For example, it will not be possible to have all of the minutes that are currently available on the new site. Rodney was concerned that the information should be available for anyone who might want to review it. Fred indicated that the minutes are all on paper copy within the vault and that a copy of the old website resources will remain on the "n" drive. Andy H. discussed backup of the data. Fred will discuss this with Bruce Dickerson who is the town's IT person.

### **New Business:**

**1. Possible Tree Farm Designations** - Fred explained that he had been in contact with Rita who had suggested that the Town Forests would be eligible for Tree Farm Designation. To be a tree farm, the properties require a management plan and management. The plans and management need to be reviewed by foresters. Rita believes that all necessary conditions would be met at each of the town forests and there would be no cost to the town. Chris added that the value of the designation is the bragging rights. There are significant state and national competitions and perhaps some tax advantages. These would not benefit the town. The consensus of the Commission is that this should be investigated and perhaps initiated at one forest. Perhaps Rotch might be a good starting point. Fred will investigate further.

**2. Conservation Commission Goals** - Specific and long-term goals were discussed. Chris discussed the need for measurable goals and suggested that one goal might be to have educational programs, perhaps using the UNH Speaker's Bureau from which speakers are available at no cost. The Commission agreed that this might be twice yearly - November and March. Chris offered to contact UNH for speakers if others would identify the programs.

Other goals are presented in the Milford Conservation Plan (which was last updated in 2005). Fred will email copies of that chapter to the members for comments and recommendations. This will be discussed in future meetings.

### **Interdepartmental Reviews**

The Commission discussed the following items:

- 1) **2-28, 2-29 Zahn** – The Commission supports the proposed lot line adjustment.
- 2) **32-23-2,3, 5 Ciardelli** – The Commission is concerned that the drainage is directed onto another's property and that the proposed manner of handling of runoff may not be the best approach. Has pervious pavement, etc. been considered? The proposed basin may be designed as an effective infiltration structure.
- 3) **6-14 Pine Valley** - The Commission is very concerned that infiltration on private lots in the manner presented may result in future flooding and maintenance costs, especially if not adequately maintained. A detailed maintenance procedure, at the least, should be

required and become a known responsibility of the buyer. The Commission is concerned that unknowledgeable owners will have problems and seek solutions from the town. The Commission suggested that the town's attorney review the concept of these systems and the town's future risks.

The Commission requests that the Planning Board seek a conservation easement along the river now or during future development of the parcel.

- 4) **8-38 etc. Trombly** – The Commission has no specific concerns other than the apparent land-locked nature of some of the lots. Significant wetlands exist on lot 8-38 and will require consideration when alterations are proposed.

### **Reports:**

1. Discussions of fundraising and stormwater issues were continued to the next meeting.
2. **Melendy Rd. Tunnel Contract** - Rick Riendeau and Fred met with Fieldstone and discussed the need for additional information. Fieldstone has agreed to complete the project for \$6990. Fieldstone is preparing a contract. Andy asked if there was a completion date. Fred responded that no specific completion date has been discussed.

### **Discussions:**

1. **Posting of Conservation Easement Signs** - Becky noted that signs delineating the conservation easements on private properties would be helpful in locating the easements and educating the owners. Chris indicated that we have signs in the conservation shed. Becky suggested that signs could be placed at the time of monitoring visits. Chris indicated that the signs had been placed on trees in the past. Fred noted that the ordinances do not require such signs but could be requested as part of the Planning Board's process.
2. **Hike Notification** - Kim discussed the next hike which will be at Ponemah Bog in Amherst. Audrey will not be available nor will Kim. Andy said he could lead that hike. Chris suggested that we contact Bill Wichman regarding the hike.
3. **SoRT East Meeting** - Audrey had emailed a request to set up a meeting with the CLMC to discuss signage on the eastern portion of the Souhegan River Trail. The meeting was set for June 16 at 6 pm.
4. **Rotch Brochure** - Fred provided copies of the brochure as prepared by Yvonne Beran. Yvonne had requested input. Chris had suggested that contact should be made with the Rotch family regarding history questions. Fred questioned the target audience for the brochure. Was it intended as an education document for students or for the general public? The commissioners suggested that the history, etc., could be placed on the Kiosk. The sense was that the brochure was for a general audience and was properly focused in that direction. Fred suggested that specific comments could be sent to Yvonne.

### **Announcements:**

None

**Communications:**

None

There being no other business to come before the Conservation Commission, Kim adjourned the meeting at 9:56 pm.

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