

Milford Conservation Commission

Meeting Minutes January 8, 2015

7:00 BOS Meeting Room

Present: Members Audrey Fraizer, Chair; Andy Hughes, V Chair; Andy Seale, Hub Seward, Janet Urquhart. Becky Lorette and Kim Rimalover, excused.

Alternates Chris Costantino. Eric Radloff and Greg Boggis excused. Interns Josh Clemens and Kelly Harrington.

Approval of December meeting minutes – tabled for January

Appointment

7:15 – Boynton Hill and Raisanen (West Meadows) culvert discussion. Chad Branon of Fieldstone Engineering and Richard Raisanen, developer, presented an alternative culvert design for the wetland crossing at Station 900 on the road for the West Meadows Subdivision. After much discussion, on a motion by Hub, seconded by Janet, the commission approved the installation of a 1 x 48” Reinforced Concrete Pipe, which will be embedded one foot into the ground with natural material laid along the bottom. Andy Seale abstained.

7:45 – Josh Clemens to discuss emergency location system on the Rail Trail. Do we want signs or posts?

Item	Discussion	Who Will Do What
1. Tucker Brook Timber Harvest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion of site walk. Janet was pleased with the results, which weren't as dire as stated at the December meeting. Greg would like to see more of the forest remain untouched on future timber harvests. One abutter suggested that we place a bench on one of the knolls to better appreciate the opened landscape. • Total amount received is \$19,302.81 	
2. 4 th Saturday hike	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • January Hike at Tucker Brook. Dan Reed, Forester, will attend. Start at Savage Rd entrance 	
3. Warrant Article	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deliberative Session is January 31 at 9:00 • After discussion, the commission decided to lower the \$30,000 request to \$20,000. Audrey will present this change at the Budget and Bond Hearing. 	
4. Rail Trail	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Culvert at the Rock Marsh is protected. NO invoice received at this point. • A complaint was filed with DES concerning the Halstead Dam beaver flow device. DES sent a determination letter that stated that DES would exercise no jurisdiction in this complaint. 	
5. Trails Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First meeting in 2015 is March 5 	
6. Mile Slip Easement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Audrey to tweak an easement from NEFF for the commission to review 	Audrey

7. Interns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kelly Harrington will shadow Fred this week and next to learn about environmental programming. She is focusing on the pipeline project and the environmental concerns of the project. When Fred is out of the office she will be working on the conservation plan and updating MUNIS land files to include previous disturbances and current restrictions on properties • Josh Clemens is continuing to work on the rail trail emergency location system. The commission decided to use 4x4 posts which are routed to indicate mile markers north and south bound on the trail. The posts will be placed every .2 mile at the suggestion of the fire marshal. Chris is working with the library to use the 3D printer to make plastic QR codes for the educational trail on the rail trail. 	Josh Clemens will meet with Wendy Hunt of MIT to discuss adding the rail trail QR Trail to the QR Trail website being created by MIT.
8. Membership Dues	The commission decided to continue membership with the NH Association of Conservation Commission. The dues are \$534.00. And to renew the membership with NH Association of Natural Resource Scientists. The dues are \$20.00	Chris will pay membership dues when the new budget is approved.
9. Dates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deliberative Session January 31 • Work session January 27 at 6:30 • Voting Day March 10 	

Work session

10. Brox NRI/Mining Study	Fieldstone Engineering presented the Brox Mining Study at the BOS meeting. AndyH attended. The presentation is available on the town website. The NRI being done on the Brox property by Forest Bell is still incomplete.	
11. Pipeline Discussion	Andy H led the discussion about the pipeline project. The commission will look into the short and long term environmental impacts on Milford's natural resources. We will set up pipeline link on the commission website. The commission will post a position which will evolve as needed in response to the impacts of the pipeline.	Chris to set up a pipeline webpage on the commission website.
12. Future work sessions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Warrant Articles January 15 or 27th 	

13. Interdepartmental Review	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• West Meadows /Raisanen – see notes for the appointment• Amato/ Mile Slip – there will be a new plan submitted which will eliminate the open space. The commission will submit comments once that plan has been reviewed.• Boynton Hill/SanKen –<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ There is no access to the open space #3 ML 45-3 from the Spur Road○ Is there adequate provision for snow storage at the end of the hammerhead○ Reclassification of the headwater of Great Brook – how do we do this.	
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Next Regular Meeting – February 12, 2015 @ 7PM, Selectmen's Meeting Room.