

Milford Conservation Commission

Meeting Minutes July 9, 2015

7:00pm BOS meeting room

Present : Members Audrey Fraizer, Chair; Andy Hughes, VChair; Andy Seale, Hub Seward, Kim Rimalover. Janet Urquhart, excused. Alternates: Rodney Dellafelice, Greg Boggis, Eric Radloff, Chris Costantino. Seth Dudley, prospective member

Approval of June 11 Meeting Minutes Approved on a motion by GregB, seconded by KimR. ChrisC and RodD were absent from the June meeting, so abstained.

Appointments none

Item	Discussion	Who Will Do What
1. 4 th Saturday hike	<p>There were 9 attendees and 3 dogs. The hike was along the service/perimeter road and the gnome 3 trail.</p> <p>July 25 – next hike at Rotch.</p>	ChrisC will contact Brian Hawkins to lead the hike.
2. Trails Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Repair of footbridge at GTRT trailhead was completed by a trail volunteer • Ongoing scout projects at Mile Slip mtn bike trail and orienteering trail • Soft spot on SRT West due to river undercutting the bank noted and will be accommodated in the fall once the foliage dies back • Tree down at SRT West – taken care of by trail volunteer 	
3. Open Space Conservation Ordinance Review	<p>AudreyF, KimR and ChrisC met with Chris Beer, Paul Amato and Jodie Levandowski of the Planning Board and staff. The first half of the ordinance was reviewed on July 7. The second half concerning ownership and management will be discussed on July 29</p>	
4. P&P – Membership chapter	<p>Tabled to August meeting</p>	ChrisC will send the chapter with suggested amendments to the members who will review and send any comments to Chris by July 23
5. Pipeline letter discussion	<p>The letter was drafted and approved for dissemination by the Regional Open Space Team. ROST is comprised of representatives from the area conservation commissions which has been meeting monthly for over 10 years. AndyS is concerned that this letter is outside our purview until such time as we have a plan for review and comment. The consensus of the members is that this is a federal process and the commission will see a final plan outside the comment period. Now is the time to comment.</p> <p>The letter will be reviewed by the members for the July 14 work session.</p>	ChrisC will send the pipeline letter to the members for review. ChrisC will have a copy of the document at the July 14 work session

6. HCCD/NRCS annual work session	Neither AudreyF nor ChrisC were able to attend.	ChrisC will ask for minutes from Kerry Rigrode, coordinator for the meeting.
7. Beaver Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rotch TF- successful repair of the failed device by Skip Lisle and Nick, trail volunteer • Heron Pond School road culvert – successful installation by Skip Lisle with assistance from Nick, trail volunteer. • Rail Trail – work session on July 23 at 6:30pm to discuss water levels in the West Compressor Brook/rail trail crossings south of Melendy Road • Audrey talked with Skip Lisle about dam management at Heron Pond. Skip's response was to leave the dam alone. ChrisC would like to see the pond water level drop by at least 1' and up to 2'. 	
8. Backyard Neighbor letter review	The Mayflower Neighborhood letter needs to be reworked to be applicable for all abutters.	AudreyF will work on the rewrite. There will be something to review by August 6.
9. Lot line adjustment for Map/Lot 42/1 and Osgood Pond	<p>There was no formal presentation about this item. The commission received an email asking that the plan and boundary agreement be reviewed by the commission. The email gave the commission the background to understand that the Map/Lot 42/1 and Osgood Pond boundary line couldn't be found. This agreement documents a new boundary agreeable to Tom Lorden and the town, which owns Osgood Pond. In order for the town to purchase 42/1 from Tom Lorden, there needs to be a clear boundary and a recommendation from the conservation commission. The commission had several concerns about this agreement and the accompanying plan PROPOSED BOUNDARY LINE AGREEMENT PLAN AND LOCUS PLAN. Dated May 19, 2015</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The commission is against splitting a wetland across boundary lines b. What were the coordinates for the original 42/1 c. Would like to see a 3rd party review if this is a sensible location for a boundary line d. Why is the town giving away approximately 5 acres e. Put an easement on the wetland prior to transfer of ownership f. How recently were the wetlands delineated g. Lots 1 and 3 are not clearly defined on the plan h. What is the purpose driving this agreement i. Is this land part of the long range dredging project of Osgood Pond j. If this is an open space subdivision, will the additional 6 acres be added to the open space calculations, allowing for additional houselots 	<p>** Information gained post meeting. Bill Drescher called the office on July 10 to discuss the commission's response to the boundary line agreement. He said that the town/water commissioners are looking for a future well site. The Lorden property (42/1) appears to be a good site. There is a temporary license to drill and test the water quality and quantity. But, for the town to purchase the property, there needs to be a clear title and boundary.</p> <p>Bill Drescher has requested to present the project to the commission on at the August 13 meeting. However, if we can get a quorum at the July 21 Planning Board meeting, we could make a decision</p>

	k. Why was the line drawn in this particular location l. Takes wetland out of town oversight	then after hearing the presentation to the Planning Board.
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End televised portion of the meeting

1. Interdepartmental Review	<p><u>Capron Road</u> – new plan submitted that doesn't change the wetland/buffer impacts. The previous plan involved a lot subdivision, which would have created a 15' perimeter easement around the property. This is now gone.</p> <p><u>7-11 Gurney's Auto</u>- no comment</p> <p><u>29-95 South Street</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stormwater management plan suggested if cars are being stored nearer to the brook • Landowner awareness that future use of subdivided lot falls into the restrictions of the floodplain ordinance <p><u>42-50-1, 42-50-2 & 42-55 Osgood/Mason Rd</u> – no comment</p> <p><u>SanKen Boynton Hill wetland permit application</u> – reviewed the application. Kim noted that the ACE Checklist 2.2 is marked "no" indicating that there is no Special Aquatic Site (SAS) located at the wetland crossings. The commission disagrees, as this is part of the headwaters for Great Brook as noted in the Conservation Plan.</p>	ChrisC will draft memos to the Planning Board and to NH DES for AudreyF to review.
2. Future Work Session Date WORK SESSION JULY 14 at 7:00 for grant discussion WORK SESSION JULY 23 at 6:30 at the Melendy Rd/rail trail crossing	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Mile Slip Easement Beaver Policy – AndyH is working on a draft. Would like to have a more definitive way to determine water levels in the beaver ponds Conservation Plan Open Space Conservation Ordinance Review Policy and Procedure Review Rail Trail site walk – July 23 to evaluate beaver activity and any further action that might be needed to protect that section of trail. Work session with Yvonne Beran to discuss grant ideas and opportunities on July 14 at 7:00pm 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> ChrisC will merge KimR and AndyH's drafts for commission review AudreyF, KimR and ChrisC working on this Membership chapter to be reviewed and comments submitted by July 23 to ChrisC
3. Janet Urquhart	Janet's husband died unexpectedly on July 3. The commission members signed a card for her and made a donation to the Wounded Warrior Project in Glen Urquhart's memory.	

Meeting adjourned at 9:45