

**Milford Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes April 10, 2014
7:00 Banquet Hall**

Present: Audrey Fraizer, Chair; Hub Seward, V Chair; Andy Hughes, Becky Lorette, Janet Urquhart. **Excused:** Kim Rimalover, Andy Seale. **Alternate Members:** Chris Costantino

Approval of March meeting minutes were unanimously approved on a motion by BeckyL, seconded by HubS.

Appointment: none

Discussion:

Item	Discussion	Who Will Do What
4 th Saturday hike	<p>March Hike at Monson– Led by Audrey. It was well attended with 12 people. Russ Dickerman did a delightful tour of the property. It was icy and snowy, but everyone had fun.</p> <p>April 26 Hike at Brox - Chris</p>	ChrisC to contact Maureen Bradley to see if she would be willing to provide her wildflower expertise to the hike.
Election of Officers	<p><u>Chair</u> – Audrey accepted the nomination to be chair for another year. Her nomination was done in a motion by ChrisC, seconded by JanetU. There was unanimous approval from the members and a grateful thanks from the members.</p> <p><u>Vice Chair</u>: On a motion by ChrisC, seconded by Janet U, AndyH accepted the nomination to be Vice Chair. There was unanimous approval from the members.</p>	
Training Events	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Drinking Water Conference – April 30 ChrisC will attend 2. NHANRS Wetland Workshop – ChrisC will attend 3. ROST/SVLT annual meeting – Pam Hunt from the NH Audubon with a presentation called State of the Birds on May 2. ChrisC will attend. 	
127 Elm Street	<p>There was discussion concerning the town’s plan to acquire 127 Elm Street</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The lot is contiguous with Keyes Field offering a second access • 5.8 acres which is enough to accommodate additional fields and a future building for a senior or rec center • Commission is in support of this acquisition with the conditions that all NH DES mandated environmental work be done by the landowner before purchase and that the town utilize BMP for Stormwater management on any future use of the property. 	ChrisC will write a letter notifying Guy Scaife of the Commission’s decision, to be reviewed by AudreyF
Open Space Easement with Creative Investors on Melendy Rd	It has been completed, signed and accepted by the Planning Board.	

Souhegan River Trail	AudreyF asked ChrisC to send an email to Brandy Trombly to confirm a walk of the SRT East on April 16 at 8:00am; meeting at the Sugar Shack.	ChrisC will send an email to Brandy Trombly, Bill Nelson, Brian Hawkins, John Bigl and Jon Thunberg notifying them of date
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Work Session:

Brox Plan and NRI	AudreyF updated the members on the status of the Revised Conceptual Plan for Brox. The plan acknowledges the need for a Natural Resource Inventory (NRI). The Plan will go before the Planning Board for acceptance. We need to get started on an NRI now so that we can take advantage of spring season activity	ChrisC will find firms that do NRIs and contact them for quotes
Trails Committee	There was discussion about separating the Trails Committee from the Commission. The goal would be to have an independent, grassroots organization, which would apply for grants to get funds for trail work. After discussion, the members decided to put the idea before the Trails Committee for their input.	ChrisC will have this discussion put on the May Trails Committee agenda.
Future work session –	Members are available for work session on April 16 at 7:00 pm in OCD conference room AudreyF, BeckyL, JanetU, ChrisC can attend to discuss the Mile Slip Management Plan	ChrisC will send a reminder to the members of the work session
Public Comments		
Tucker Brook TF timber harvest	ChrisC sent an email to Dan Reed with AndyH's comments that we wait until the middle of August to start any timbering out of respect for nesting birds and other wildlife habitat needs. BeckyL and AndyH would like to have documentation that outlines the process for managing a Timber Harvest.	ChrisC will create a Timber Harvest Process
Mile Slip Town Forest management plan	Work session scheduled for April 16 at 7:00 in the OCD conference room to discuss the plan. AndyH has already submitted his comments.	ChrisC will send a reminder to the members of the work session
IDR	<u>Badger Hill Subdivision</u> – discussion resulted in comments for a letter to the Planning Board. The commission is NOT in support of the Revised Lot Line Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lots 26-153,155 and 157 have been extended to the property boundary which 	ChrisC will write the Memo to the Planning Board for Commission review.

	<p>disconnects the open space which was contiguous in that area. This is the location for a trail connector between Hitchiner TF and Mile Slip TF.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ROWs between 26-155 and 157 and between lots 26-149 and 151 are essential to provide access from inner lots to the open space • Why is lot 26-79 now considered buildable. • Request a 100' space between the lot lines and the property line for the trail • Where is the new open space in exchange for the lots which were expanded into the previously designated open space? 	
<p>Warrant Articles Mile Slip Easement</p>	<p>Nothing done this month</p>	<p>AudreyF to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact Bill Drescher, town attorney about process for an easement on town property • Talk to an easement holder • Find easement samples
<p>Rail Trail – Melendy Rd crossing</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Barbara Mack talked to BeckyL about removing some rotten trees located on the bank along the west side of the Rail Trail that could fall onto her house. She indicated to BeckyL and ChrisC (at a separate time) that DPW was going to remove the trees. • BeckyL would like to explore the possibility of using a ramp to bring the trail up to road grade to cross Melendy Rd rather than a tunnel/bridge solution. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ChrisC will check with DPW to see if they are intending to remove the trees when they do the work on this trail section this year. • Chris will walk the trail with Rick Riendeau, DPW, to get his feedback about a ramp solution to this road crossing
<p>Other</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is target practice allowed on public land? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chris will ask the police department