

**Milford Conservation Commission  
Meeting Minutes November 14, 2013  
7:00 Selectmen's Meeting Room**

**Present:** Audrey Fraizer, Chair; Andy Hughes, Becky Lorette, Hub Seward. Alternate member: Chris Costantino. Excused: Kim Rimalover, Janet Urquhart. Guest: Scott Cornett and Jim Deckman

**Approval of October meeting minutes:** approved on a motion by Andy H, seconded by Becky. Unanimous support.

**Appointment:**

**7:30 – Scott Cornett. Wetland Buffer Impact Application 53-32-2.** Scott attended the rediscussion of his application for an 846 sqft wetland buffer impact. The Commission heard the application July 11 and did a site visit on July 18. A letter of recommendation was submitted to the ZBA, but the individual criterion, by which the ZBA makes their decision, were not listed. The purpose of tonight's rediscussion was to address, at the ZBA's request, each criterion. Chris will write another letter of recommendation including the individual criterion as discussed by the Commission.

| Item                             | Discussion   | WWDW  |
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| 1. 4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday hike | <p><b>October</b> – Pratt Pond Audrey lead the hike with Bob LaRochelle of the Mason ConComm. 10 people attended and one beagle.</p> <p><b>November 23</b> Hike at Tucker Brook Town Forest. Andy S and Chris will lead</p>  | Andy S and Chris will lead the hike   |
| 2. Workshops Report              | <p>&gt;NHACC annual meeting – Audrey and Chris attended. Both reported on some of the sessions they attended. Audrey learned about a town that has Celebration Festivals</p> <p>&gt;Stewardship Network at the Harris Center – Audrey and Chris attended. UNH Cooperative Extension received a grant to create a database of volunteer opportunities available in New England. There will be a website maintained by UNH Coop Ext.</p> | Audrey will send the link to the town that does Celebration Festivals                                   |
| 3. Events reports                | <p>&gt;Pumpkin Festival – October 11 &amp; 12 ( \$59.05 in donations )</p> <p>&gt;Chamber of Commerce – October 17</p> <p>&gt;Ghost Run – October 26 &amp; 27 (\$4,000+). Many postings on Facebook from the runners expressing their satisfaction with the race. They are looking forward to the 6<sup>th</sup> running of the GTRTR in 2014</p>  | No action needed  |
| 4. Warrant Articles              | <p>Warrant Articles are due – December 31 (end of year 2013)</p> <p>&gt;Land Fund request of \$20,000</p> <p>&gt;Easements</p> <p>&gt;Episcopal/Rotch property merge and accept as a Town Forest</p>   | <p>Chris will write warrant articles for review.</p> <p>Audrey will get a sample easement from NEFF</p> |

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| 5. 2014 Expo                                    | Do we want to do this yearly? No, unless we can combine with someone else.<br>Boys and Girls Club   | Chris will contact Nancy Amato about coordinating the Outdoor Recreation Expo with the B&G Club Health Fair |
| 6. NHBPGrant                                    | Due on Friday. Asking for \$15,000 for an engineering study and design to create an Urban Trail connecting residential neighborhoods south of Elm Street to the Rail Trail and Oval; and to Brox trails via a wooded trail through Granite State Concrete to Perry Rd.  | Chris will finalize and submit  |
| 7. Budget review                                | Members reviewed the budget. We will be joining the NHANRS (NH Assoc of Natural Resource Scientist) for \$20 annual subscription. There are several workshops offered (which we have attended) yearly for which we will receive a discount.                             | Chris will send in the registration.  |
| 8. Rail Trail bridge over Armory Rd             | The members will make a site visit to the Armory Rd crossing of the rail trail with Rick Riendeau, DPW director. After talking with him, the Commission will draw up an RFP for him to review before releasing.   | Chris will set up an appointment with Rick in the next week at 7:40 at Armory Rd parking.                   |
| 9. Meeting with UNH Cooperative at Hitchiner TF | Andy reported on the site walk he and Yvonne Beran held with Matt Tarr, Wildlife Biologist with the UNH Coop Ext. They walked the fields. Matt assessed what he could see and will write some mowing prescriptions for Yvonne to use for the Hitchiner Management Plan. | Yvonne will continue to work on the Management Plan for Hitchiner TF  |
| 10. Tucker Brook TF Timber Harvest              | Property adjacent to TBTF is being marked. Nothing else has occurred on the Town Forest relative to the timber harvest.   | No action   |
| 11. Pratt Easement                              | Filed and recorded  | No action   |
| 12. Trails Committee                            | Audrey will set up a time to walk the property with Steve Trombly, Brandy Trombly and Jon Thunberg on the Souhegan River Trail, East.   | Audrey will set up a site walk  |
| 13. Open Space Conservation Overlay District    | There have been work sessions and joint meetings with the Planning Board. We are awaiting an updated version from NRPC for further review by the Commission   |   |

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| <p>14. Work session dates</p>        | <p>Conservation Plan – Chapter 2</p>  | <p>Chris will send out Chapter 2 for review and comments. 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday is T'day – no work session</p> |
| <p>15. Interdepartmental reviews</p> | <p><b>Dunkin Donuts</b>(West End of Milford)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Why do they need so much parking</li> <li>• Would the applicant consider using pervious pavement for the parking or a combination of pervious in the spaces and regular in the roads</li> <li>• How is there less pervious pavement as noted on the plan</li> <li>• The applicant is making an effort to stay out of the buffer – no further impact than is currently on the site</li> <li>• Rain gardens in the front and perimeter of the property. Make the green space also serve as stormwater retention</li> <li>• Catch Basin straight to the river is never a good idea</li> <li>• Make more of an effort to retain stormwater on site</li> </ul> <p><b>Colburn/Nye Drive</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Plans appear to be least impact</li> <li>• Wetlands and buffers are kept out of the house lots for the most part</li> <li>• Request that the engineering/surveyor team place wetland or Conservation Tree makers along the wetland boundary while they are marking property lines. This will identify wetland buffers and remind the landowner of the responsibility of having wetland on their property</li> <li>• Where is the stump composting area – couldn't find it on the plans</li> </ul> <p><b>Brox</b> - Identify what we would like to see at Brox in the Community Lands Portion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trails remain in place. Add trails as space allows</li> <li>• Preserve current wooded sections</li> <li>• Incorporate walking trails in the field plans</li> <li>• Another access point into the property would be beneficial</li> </ul> | <p>Chris will write up comments for the Planning Board</p>   |