

Meeting called to order in the BOS Meeting Room at the Milford Town Hall at 7:00

Present:

Full members: Audrey Fraizer, Chair; Kim Rimalover, V. Chair;
Andy Hughes, Becky Lorette, Hub Seward.,
Alternate members: Andy Seale
Guests: Chris Guida, Steve Trombly, Dave Wheeler, Diane Morin

Apologies for absence: Chris Costantino. Minutes taken in her absence by Andy Hughes.

Minutes: March 8th meeting were accepted as presented on a motion by Andy H, seconded by Andy.
Unanimous

Discussion Items

1. Rail Trail:- Discussion of site visit to Union St/Rt101 tunnel section report.

A site meeting was held on March 30th between representatives of NH DoT (Department of Transportation) and Milford Town representatives to review issues with the Rail Trail. The discussion at this meeting concentrated on matters pertaining to the section between the tunnel under Rte101 and Union Street.

The principal issue in this section was the narrow rocky nature of the trail at this point. DoT engineer Rich Radwanski said the trail could be widened by cutting further back into the bank 12"-18" without significant risk of destabilization. DPW will do this work. It will be challenging to get the necessary plant equipment in to the site.

Overall, the Meeting went well. Guy Scaife (Town Administrator) was very supportive.

A site visit report, including a record of those present, and photographs of site issues, was written by Larry Keniston, Intermodal Facilities Engineer with the NH DoT and is available on request from the Conservation Commission.

2. 4th Saturday Hike Report – Monson Village, March 30th

Report by Kim R. Very successful. 27 attending, many with dogs.
Lessons learned/recommendations:

- Future notices should advise approximate expected duration (typically 2 - 2½ hrs)

The high turnout may have been influenced by one or more of the following:

- The hike notice in the Milford Cabinet was larger in area than usual ((decided by the Cabinet).
- The Cabinet ad' said that dogs were welcome

3. 7.15 appt with Dave Wheeler to discuss access via his property to that section of Tucker Brook TF due for timbering.

- He is open to having a 'landing' on his lot for timber processing.
- He will maintain the road since it is on his property
- The Wetland in the area is unconnected to Tucker Brook
- Dave suggested we consider using the same Forester, Dan Reed. Hub noted that we have used Dan before.

As recommended by Chris Costantino, a site visit has been scheduled for Tuesday April 24th at 6pm. Meet-up details are to follow. Conscom will invite Dan Reed to the visit.

4. 7.45 appt with Chris Guida (Fieldstone Engineering), presenting plans for the Trombly Souhegan River Bank Stabilization Project.

Chris gave an overview of the work, including plans and drawings. He and Steve Trombly (also present) requested a letter of the support from the Commission to the ZBA supporting the proposal. Hub proposed such a motion, 2ndd by Andy Seale, approved unanimously.

5. Backyard Neighbor letter

It was decided that further discussion is unnecessary, and the letter should be sent to the abutters on Chris C's return.

6. Selection of Chair & Vice-Chair

Andy Seale proposed a motion that all current officers remain in their posts, 2ndd by And H. Approved unanimously.

7. Approval of Diane Morin

Diane has attended 3 meetings (including a worksession) and remains committed becoming a member. A motion was proposed by Becky L to recommend Diane Morin to the Board of Selectman as a full-time member. Motion was 2ndd by Kim R, and approved unanimously

8. ConsComm Facebook Page.

Diane M presented. The page is up and running (<http://www.facebook.com/milfordnhcc>).

- There was some discussion of the possible need for a disclaimer. Andy S suggested reviewing the Parks & Rec town page for town precedent.
- Diane M will put a post on the page of the forthcoming 4th Saturday hike (more below).

9. Next 4th Saturday Hike, April 28th

Location: Purgatory Falls, meet 9am in parking lot on Purgatory Rd.

10. Website discussion

Audrey distributed a 'Website Flowchart' document. Some composition work is required, and writing duties were assigned to members. Compositions should be drafted prior to the forthcoming Worksession.

11. Town Property standing review:- Dadoly property, presented by Hub S.

The Dadoly property, ~16 acres, is located in the south of the town, just north of the terminus of Fox Run Rd and west of Federal Hill Rd. It is bisected by a power line and is otherwise forested. Hub has suggested we should visit the site to walk the boundary, to which there was general agreement by the other members.

12. Future worksession ideas

Audrey suggested discussing obtaining easements for Town Forest properties currently not under one.