

**Milford Conservation Commission
Meeting Meeting September 12, 2013
7:00 Selectmen's Meeting Room**

Call to Order 7:00

Present: Hub Seward, Vice Chair; Becky Lorette, Andy Seale, Janet Urquhart. Alternate Members: Chris Costantino. Audrey Fraizer, Chair; Andy Hughes, Kim Rimalover excused. Guests: Randy Haight, Owner of the subdivision; Emily Anderson, a student from UMass Lowell who was observing the Commission meeting for her Community Psychology class.

Approval of August meeting minutes: on a motion by Janet, seconded by Becky. Unanimous approval

Appointment: 7:15 - Randy Haight – Wetland Crossing at Lot 51-1

Wetland and buffer impact is 10,800 sq ft. The owners are going before the ZBA for a Special Exception to renew D&F application that was approved in 2007 and expired in 2012. There have been one minor change; there are 31 house lots instead of 32. This will be an open space conservation subdivision. The Alteration of Terrain permit is approved through 2015. There are 8 acres of wetland on the lot. After discussion, the Commission decided that there was no reason to have a site walk. On a motion by Andy Seale, seconded by Chris, a letter of recommendation for approval will be sent to the ZBA.

Item	Discussion	WWDW
1. 4 th Saturday hike on August Hike to Monson. Leader for September 21 hike	Janet and Audrey represented the Commission at the hike at Monson. More than a dozen with several dogs. Russ Dickerman told of the history of the area. September hike will be at Mile Slip – Chris will lead.	
2. Map 40-14 lot consolidation of Tucker Brook and Cote Deed	-Hub and Chris worked on a draft letter. Neither of us is particularly happy with it. Hub's suggestion was to wait until such time as the deed is changed to reflect new ownership. At that time, a new lot designation could be put into the deed.	Chris will contact Assessing to determine how to have a note attached to the tax record, so that the MCC is aware of deed changes.
3. Mack Easement	The Macks asked to cut some trees for cordwood. They were told to mark the trees that they want to cut and that the commission would come out to take a look. Becky and Chris walked the area with the Macks and gave the approval for the Macks to cut when ready. The trees are on the Mack property and leaning away from the trail	This task is completed
4. Mobility Device Policy (previously known as the ADA trails policy) and	Commission will review the Mobility Device Policy and consider using it instead of the ADA trails policy. We will use the draft trails assessment work sheet to see how	Another review revealed other changes that need to be made. Chris will put them in

Trail Assessment Work sheet	it works and if it needs tweeking.	and email to the members
5. Future Work sessions	OSCD continued? Conservation Plan	Work session scheduled for September 26. Chris will send out Chapter 1 of Conservation Plan, with suggested changes prior to the WS for review.
6. Events	Healthy Community Fair at the Boys and Girls club at 5:00 on September 19 from 4-6pm Pumpkin Festival – October 11-12 Chamber of Commerce Expo October 17 Ghost Train Rail Trail Race – October 26-27	Becky will be able to work the booth for the B&G Fair after work. Still need someone to set up. Other events are covered. Chris will make a final listing. Becky would like a planning session for the race
7. Hitchiner Fields mowing – heifer pasturage?	Chris talked to Paul Amato who suggested contacting the Fitch's to see if they would like to pasture their heifers there. Heifers are the cows which are too young to produce milk . Field is mowed What about the purchase of a gate? Does anyone have an old one?	Chris will talk to the Fitchs about pasturage. Discuss liability. Chris will look into gates
8. Rotch Lot merger	It makes sense to merge the lots of the former Rotch woodlot – Lots 43-8 and 43-8-2. At town meeting, the Commission will ask to add the Episcopal Church lot to the Rotch Town Forest.	Chris will draft the warrant article for the merger and Town Forest change.
9. Pratt Easement	Need one more signature to complete the deed	Chris will finalize the signatures
10. Dog signage at MCAA fields	Becky asked that the Rec Department redo their dog signage at MCAA fields. The SRT goes along the west side of the fields. This leads to confusion for hikers who want to take their dog on the trail; but are forbidden to take dogs on the fields.	Chris will check with Rec Department to find a solution that works for both groups.