

Milford Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes October 11, 2018 7:00pm BOS meeting room

PRESENT: MCC - Andy Hughes, Chair; Anita Stevens, Audrey Fraizer, Janet Urquhart, David Bosquet, Hub Seward, Chris Costantino

BOS representative: Laura Dudziak

Kyle Schedin – Eagle Scout candidate

Excused: Kim Rimalover, VChair

Item	Discussion	Who Will Do What
1. Kyle Schedin	Kyle gave a powerpoint presentation of his completed Eagle Scout project, a trail connection known as the Bob Foster Trail. It connects Mile Slip and Hitchiner Town Forests. It uses existing wood trails and a portion of Timber Ridge and Badger Hill Roads. This trail completes another section of our circumferential trail network. Kyle will let the commission know the date for his Court of Honor.	
2. September Meeting Minutes approval	The September meeting minutes were amended to reflect that fact the line item for office supplies in the budget was zeroed because Community Development budget will cover our office supplies. With that amendment, the September meeting minutes were unanimously approved by a motion from Audrey and seconded by David.	Chris to make a change in the draft minutes before posting
3. Wetland Permit application	<p>a. Revised Ciardelli application for stream restoration for MCC review. The Ciardelli application, which is a Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) funded project, was revised to reflect the suggestions offered by the MCC at the September meeting. Anita did some research in the interim and is confident in their project and the proposed work to accomplish this fish habitat restoration. The map included in the application to show Natural Heritage Bureau sightings is different than what we usually see. The MCC is uncertain if the necessary information is provided for the NHDES review. The members would like to have a site visit prior to the work being started and then a follow-up visit.</p> <p>b. New wetland permit application for Map 42 Lot 1 –The project is to replace an existing 15" CPP (<i>Corrugated Plastic Pipe</i>) with a 36"CPP at a wetland crossing on the extension of Perry Road into Map39 Lot74. The commission has several comments to submit to the State, which has already received the permit application.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The lot identified in the wetland permit application Map42 Lot1is not the lot on which the culvert is located; it is fact located on Map39 Lot74. 2. The ACE (<i>Army Corps of Engineers</i>) General Permit, included in this wetland application should indicate that this culvert is located in the Highest Ranked Habitat in the Biological Region as identified on the WAP (Wildlife Action Plan) map dated 2015 	<p>a. Chris will check with NRCS staff to assist the applicant in providing the most complete and accurate wetland permit application before submission to the state for review. Chris to contact the Ciardellis to set up a site visit.</p>

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. The contractors doing the work should be educated to recognize and manage sightings of threatened and endangered species which are known to be near this culvert location 4. A coffer dam may be installed if necessary. What triggers an "if necessary"? The MCC would like to see a coffer dam installed if water is present at the time of installation 5. Note #12 on the site plan which appears to be part of a larger section of general landscaping recommendations provides for fertilizer application. There should be no fertilizer used at this location. 6. A site-specific solution should be found to prevent erosion at the work site which will eliminate the need for fertilizer and will provide quick stabilization 7. Is there a reason for this disturbance? The existing culvert seems to be managing the conditions found on site. If there needs to be an upgrade to the capacity, could this be handled with additional 15" CPP rather than one 36"CPP? That would likely require less fill and grading which would reduce the potential for erosion. 	
4. Trail Committee	<p>The Trails Committee would like the Commission to purchase a wheeled string trimmer. The trail edges along the Granite Town Rail Trail are getting bushy from the years of clipping. The handheld string trimmer isn't the best tool to use. The string trimmer will also be used to re-open the encroaching trail on the power lines at Tucker Brook and on the field edges of the Souhegan River Trail. The members unanimously approved a motion by Audrey and seconded by Janet for Chris to purchase a wheeled string trimmer, but to not exceed \$1,000. Chris presented a quote for \$959.99 to purchase a DR 8.75 self-propelled wheeled string trimmer. This is the municipal discount price from \$1199 offered by DR. The machine will be purchased at County Stores in Milford.</p> <p>The members would like the Trails Committee members to attend a MCC monthly meeting so the MCC members can become informed on Trail Committee's recent activities.</p>	<p>Chris to purchase the wheeled string trimmer</p> <p>Chris to invite the Trails Committee members to attend the November meeting</p>
5. Warrant Articles	<p>There were several suggestions for possible warrant articles (WAs) to be submitted for the 2019 Warrant.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Town-wide NRI. Audrey will get quotes b. Prime wetlands study c. Anita's suggestion for an invasive plant removal program may be premature. She would like to do 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Audrey will get quotes b. Audrey will get quotes c. Anita to continue research. Chris to keep this activity on the agenda d. Chris to get a quote for cost of signs

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	<p>more research and experiment a bit before requesting money from the town. This item will not be entertained as a 2019 WA submission.</p> <p>d. Stream identification signs posted at each stream crossing</p> <p>e. Easement for Map38 Lot 13. This is adjacent to Heron Pond.</p>	<p>e. Audrey to continue contact with Beaver Brook Association about holding this easement</p> <p>f. Chris to get a due date for warrant article submission from Tina</p>
6. Upcoming events	<p>a. October 21-23 Ghost Train Rail Trail Race. Anita and Audrey will bring soups. David to help with setup. Audrey will cover the Armory Rd crossing on Sunday.</p> <p>b. October 27 hike – Mile Slip TF. Steve Erdody to lead</p> <p>c. NHACC annual meeting registrations – Anita and David will attend</p>	Chris to register Anita and David
7. Reports	<p>a. September 22 4th Saturday hike at Rotch – It was a nice hike</p> <p>b. Easements for Mile Slip and Hitchiner TF – NEFF/ToM legal impasse. There was discussion about what steps to take next to resolve the easement conflict between the two attorneys. Andy read Rodney Dellafelice's comments to the members. Anita would be happier about the easement if the proceeds from any condemnation and subsequent sale of the properties that will go to NEFF were to be spent in Milford. Audrey wondered if there were language at the Charitable Trust Unit of the Attorney General's Office that might have some influence on the NEFF attorney</p> <p>b. Melendy Country easement. Accepted at October 8 BOS meeting. The closing date is set for Oct 16. A heartfelt thank you to the Melendy Country Land Association for their generous protected land donation to the town of Milford.</p> <p>c. Forest Management Plan updating project. The Mayflower Hill TF management plan does include Patch Hill already. Chris provided the wrong TF management plan for the members to review. This discussion will be tabled until November</p> <p>d. Open subdivisions Falcon Ridge – Monumentation of lots Autumn Oaks – easement Spaulding – Monumentation and easement of open space</p>	<p>a. Chris will send a letter to NH DES ARM program requesting an extension until December. Andy, Audrey and Chris will meet with NEFF staff to discuss options to resolve impasse</p> <p>Chris to post the MHTF management plan in dropbox</p>

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8. Interdepartmental review	Capron Road Townhouses East Ridge Conservation Easement Map43 Lot57. The members started to work their way through the easement. Due to the late hour, the members were tasked to report any comment to the office by Monday (Oct 15). There were several edits, the primary one being that there should be a permanent boundary line marked. The boundary should not be indicated by the current line of trees, which may disappear at some time in the future.	Members to send additional comments to the office by Monday, Oct 15.
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Meeting adjourned at 10:20

Next Regular Meeting – October 11, 2018 @ 7PM, Selectmen's Meeting Room.

2018 Meeting Dates: Feb 8. Mar 8. Apr 12. May 10. June 14. Jul 12. Aug 9. Sept 13. Oct 11. Nov 8. Dec 13