

**Milford Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes November 8, 2018 7:00pm BOS meeting room**

**Present: MEMBERS:** Andy Hughes, Chair; Kim Rimalover, VChair; Janet Urquhart, Hub Seward, Audrey Fraizer, Chris Costantino. Excused: Anita Stevens, David Bosquet.

George Skuse – Budget Advisory Committee liaison

Item	Discussion	Who Will Do What
1. Melendy Landowners	Andy thanked the Melendy Country landowners for their generous land gift to the town of Milford. This land gift is already permanently protected with a conservation easement which is held by the Amherst Land Trust.	Chris - write a letter of thanks
2. Oct Minutes approval	The October 11 meeting minutes were unanimously approved with a motion by Janet and seconded by Audrey.	
3. Wetland Permit applications	Ciardelli Stream Fish Habitat restoration wetland permit application (Map 57 Lot11). The members, at last month's meeting, suggested that the applicants ensure that the Natural Heritage Bureau (NHB) submission for the application be acceptable to the NH DES review. NRCS (Natural Resource Conservation Service) contacted NHB and submitted, at the applicant's request, a revised format. The MCC accepted the permit application, which was signed by Andy. The applicant welcomes any commission member to visit the site at the member's convenience.	MCC members are to schedule their own visit to the site. The Ciardellis welcome the visits.
4. Kyle Schedin Eagle Scout Bob Foster Trail	Kyle Schedin has donated the remaining funds from his Eagle Scout project which was the Bob Foster Trail connecting the Mile Slip and Hitchiner Town Forest trails. Janet made a motion "to accept the \$1850.00 donation from Kyle Schedin which is to be placed in the fund of his choice". This motion was seconded by Kim and unanimously approved by the members.	Chris will contact Kyle to determine to which fund he would like this donation be directed.
5. Warrant Articles	No one had their cost estimates ready for presentation. There will be a work session to discuss the various proposed warrant articles on November 29 at 6:30pm in the town hall.	
6. Upcoming events	a. November 24 hike –TB south of the brook. Chris to lead.	Chris to send press release to Anita
7. Ghost Train Rail Trail Race	Purchase equipment to save on the trips to Westwood to pick up and return gear. Chris is investigating options which will determine what gear to purchase.	Chris to have numbers at a future meeting
8. Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. LWCF grant update – the project to open the tunnel under Melendy Rd is moving forward. We have been approved for the next level of review by the National Park Service</li><li>b. October 27 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday hike at Mile Slip was cancelled due to nor'easter and 2 inches of rain</li><li>c. October 21-23 Ghost Train Rail Trail Race. The race was a success. 76 runners completed the 100 miles with one gentleman running 105 miles; a full 7 round trips. The runners are jubilant and already looking forward to next year's 11<sup>th</sup> running of the event.</li><li>d. Nov 2 NHACC annual conference – David will give a report at the December meeting. Anita wasn't able to attend. We have a potential new alternate member, Jade de Leon. She volunteered to help with</li></ul>	

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	<p>registration so that she could attend the sessions for free. Jade will also offer her observations at the December meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>e. Easements for Mile Slip and Hitchiner TF. We have not been able to reach an agreement between the town and NEFF (New England Forestry Foundation) concerning the language in the easement, in particular with sections 6 and 10. There are several changes to which both attorneys agreed which have not been made in the working draft at hand. Andy will continue to work this project. Andy and Chris met with the NEFF staff and came back with a compromise on section 10. Section 6 on Breach of Easement continues to be a difficulty. We are awaiting approval from NH DES ARM (aquatic resource mitigation) for an additional extension to hopefully resolve these issues and still be able to collect our grant award.</li><li>f. Hitchiner field mowing. Thank you to the DPW for handling the fall mowing of the Hitchiner fields. Andy removed the stakes. The ADA policy should be posted in the Kiosk. Andy posted "No Motorized Vehicles" allowed on the property.</li><li>g. Forest Management Plan updating project. Some of the members were unable to read the management plan posted in dropbox. This topic is tabled until the December meeting.</li><li>h. <b>Open subdivisions</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Falcon Ridge – Monumentation of lots</li><li>Autumn Oaks – easement</li><li>Spaulding – Monumentation and easement of open space</li></ul></li></ul>	
9. Interdepartmental review	none	
10. vandalism at HTF	Vandalism manifested in graffiti at the pavilion and motorized vehicular ruts in the northwestern field occurred in the last month at Hitchiner TF. Andy posted signs cautioning visitors of the presence of surveillance cameras. Signage is posted at the entrance gate and at the parking area.	

**Meeting adjourned at 8:45**

**Next Regular Meeting – December 13, 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**