

**Milford Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes January 10, 2019 7:00pm BOS meeting room**

**Present:**

Members

Andy Hughes, Chair  
Anita Stevens  
Audrey Fraizer  
David Bosquet  
Rodney Dellafelice(Alt)  
Chris Costantino(Alt)

Town Representatives

Guests

Jason Bolduc, Meridian Land Services  
Kevin Stetson, Director Water Utilities  
Dale White – Water Commissioner  
Bob Courage – Water Commissioner  
Mike Putnam – Water Commissioner  
Norm Bergeron – Pack 4 Cub Scout Master

Excused: Janet Urquhart, Kim Rimalover, Hub Seward

**Appointment:**

**7:00 Expedited Dredge and Fill for a driveway crossing on Map 10 Lot 21-1.** Jason Bolduc presented the wetlands permit application for a driveway crossing on Map10 Lot21-1 located on Savage Road. This is a renewal for an expired wetland permit which was granted in 2006. Nothing on the landscape has changed. The proposal for a 24” culvert which will be embedded 1 foot to provide a natural bottom remains the same. On a motion by Audrey seconded by David, the members unanimously approved this expedited wetland permit application. Andy signed the 5 copies.

**7:15 Kevin Stetson – Water Utilities – Potential well sites for municipal water.** Kevin Stetson, Director of Water Utilities Department presented a report prepared by Emery Garrett Groundwater Investigations which identifies 18 potential sites for Phase III exploration for a future municipal well. The Water Commissions feel that the town ought to have another water source that is owned and managed by the town. Currently, the backup water source is Pennichuck Water which is owned by the City of Nashua. KStetson, Dale White (Water Commissioner) and Bob Courage (Water Commissioner) wanted to include the Commission in the process and request information and guidance from the Conservation Commission regarding permitting and easement restrictions of the parcels identified in the report. KStetson and the Water Commissioners will research access to the various properties. They will apply for the appropriate required state and federal permits, paying particular attention to potential impacts to known populations of threatened and endangered species. Phase III is to drill exploratory wells to determine the quality and quantity of water. This work is expected to have low and temporary impacts at each site. Suzanne Fournier commented regarding the potential sites, reiterating the points raised by the Commission members.

Item	Discussion	Who Will Do What
1. December Meeting Minutes approval	Audrey requested that “which the Commission intends to place” from the December 2018 minutes be deleted. <b>On a motion by Audrey to approve the minutes with the amendment which was seconded by Anita, the December 2018 minutes were unanimously approved.</b>	
2. Bird/Bat box	Norm Bergeron is a cub scout master for Pack 4. His pack would like to build bird boxes for the town. Upon discussion with the Commission members, it was determined that the best project would be to replace the blue bird boxes that are in disrepair in the southern field at Hitchiner Town Forest. The Commission will provide materials.	Chris will follow up with Norm Bergeron

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3. Upcoming events	January 26 – 4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday hike at Mayflower Hill TF. Park at Shady Lane.	
4. Renew memberships	NH Timberland Owners Association (NHTOA) - \$30.00 NH Association of Conservation Commissions (NHACC) - \$675.00 NH Association of Natural Resource Scientists (NHANRS) - \$20.00 Budget line item = \$700.00 <b>Members unanimously approved renewing all these memberships on a motion by Audrey that was seconded by Chris.</b>	
5. Granite Town Rail Trail	Audrey will ask for sponsorships from various companies in Milford to purchase gear for the Ghost Train Race.	Audrey will report back at the April Meeting.
6. Reports	<p>a. Easements for Mile Slip and Hitchiner TF. Andy is hopeful that progress is being made to find an agreement between New England Forestry Foundation and the Town of Milford</p> <p>b. BOSCE (Brox Open Space Conservation Easement). Audrey met with some of the Nichols Smith Land Trust board on December 22 at the Brox Community Lands parcel. They walked most of the perimeter of the open space. Different members of the commission will take on various tasks once they have been identified and put into a timeline. The extent of the open space and what the boundary would look like was discussed. It appears to be a good idea to minimize monitoring costs by removing the “southern noodly bit” with all its irregularities as it follows the soil type for the sand and gravel operation. This suggestion must be approved by NH Fish and Game and NH Department of Environmental Services. A meeting of NH Fish and Game, NH DES and the Nichols Smith Conservation Land Trust to discuss the boundary has been set for January 22 at the town hall.</p> <p>c. Nov 2 NHACC annual conference. David will get his notes to Chris for distribution to the other members. The session materials are available at the NHACC website. Follow the links there to the annual conference and the session worksheet.</p> <p>d. Forest Management Plans updating project. The members scheduled a site walk for February 11, snow date Feb 18 to check the two areas at Mayflower Hill Town Forest.</p> <p>e. Armory Rd /Rail Trail crossing. Andy reported on the Traffic Safety Committee meeting that he and Chris attended. The Traffic committee will recommend to the BOS that this is a good project. Andy, Chris and Yvonne Beran will continue to work on the solution for this crossing. Audrey suggested applying reflective tape on any existing trail signage poles.</p> <p>f. Wetland rules update – Chris missed the listening session. Nothing to report</p>	<p>David to pass along his notes to Chris</p> <p>Chris to contact Matt Tarr and Dan Reed to check for their availability to attend. Andy and Chris to meet with Rick Riendeau</p> <p>Chris to read materials which are available to understand the new rules and their impact on the MCC activities.</p>

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	<p>g. <b>Open subdivisions</b></p> <p>Falcon Ridge – Monumentation of lots is beginning. The Phase I lots need to be monumented before the developer will be allowed to move to the next Phase of development</p> <p>Autumn Oaks – easement</p> <p>Spaulding – Monumentation and easement of open space</p>	
7. Interdepartmental review	<p>Map 8-73 and 75 – Lot line Adjustment. Comments: why is this lot line adjustment being made? Recommend that the new boundary be kept out of the wetland buffer.</p> <p>Map 6 Lot 14 – West Milford Storage Units. There is interest in constructing a Dollar Store type retail at this location. This is very preliminary planning stages as there hasn't been a lot line adjustment made. Comments: the proposed layout appears to be too small for the proposed lot (which hasn't been created as yet). The developer will have troubles meeting the West Elm Street Overlay design criteria. The lot should be larger or else make the building smaller.</p>	Chris to send memorandum to Planning Board
8. Camera solution to vandalism	tabled	

**Next Regular Meeting – February 14, 2019 @ 7PM, Selectmen's Meeting Room.**

**2019 Meeting Dates: Feb14. Mar 14. Apr 11. May 9. June 13. Jul 11. Aug 8. Sept 12. Oct 10. Nov 14. Dec 12**